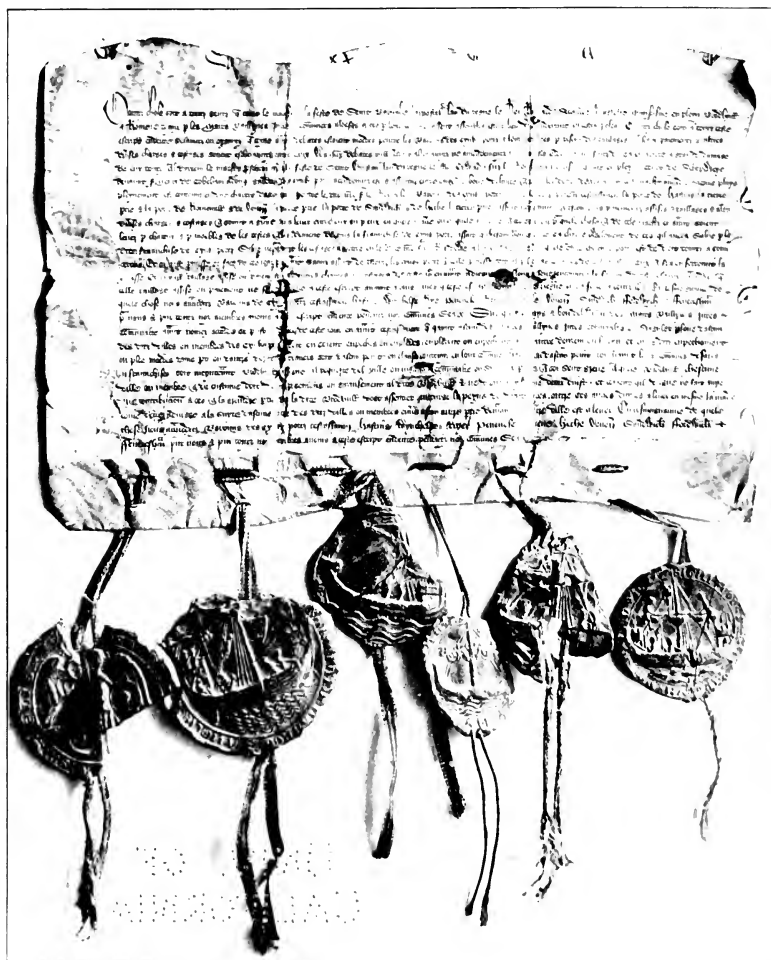




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P R E F A C E

THE various documents contained in this volume, with the exception of those included in the *Appendices*, have been transcribed from the originals in the possession of the Corporation of Dover. They cover the period embraced between the years 1227 and 1569. The large majority of them, as is natural, are of purely local interest, but there are some which will be found to possess historical importance, especially with reference to the Cinque Ports. The document numbered XXVI. is, so far as I know, the earliest record of the ancient Court of Shepway, and affords full information as to its constitution, jurisdiction, and methods of procedure. The manuscript consists of a double folio, and is evidently the remains of the original *Quaternus* kept by the Clerk of the Court. It unfortunately throws no light upon the vexed question as to the locality in which the Court was held. The oath of allegiance to Henry VIII. contained in XCIX. is published in full, I believe, for the first time. The various deeds have been printed in chronological order, but have been arranged under suitable headings in the Contents columns; and, for the convenience of those who may at any time wish to consult the originals, the reference to the Corporation Archives is in every case given in square brackets at the end of each document. One Charter of the reign of Edward IV. has been omitted;

it is a copy of that King's original Charter to the Cinque Ports. As these documents have been fully dealt with in *Jeake's Charters*, I did not consider it necessary to print it here, although it was transcribed and translated with the others.

In Appendices A and B will be found a full reference to the various Charters preserved in the British Museum and Principal Record Office which possess any local interest. With the exception of A *i.*, which must be dated 1203-1204, they have not been given *in extenso*. I have transcribed this at length, because it is the earliest of its kind yet discovered so far as Dover is concerned. For other reasons, however, it is worthy of insertion in its entirety, for not only does it give a particularly long list of witnesses, but it also throws an interesting light on the method of administering justice in Dover in the early years of the reign of King John. The Charter itself appears to me to be the outcome of a *placitum convencionis fracte*, for it differs from an ordinary grant in this important respect that the *Testes* include the chief officials of the castle and of the town. There are a good many similar documents in the following pages, but numbers XLVII., LV. and CXXV. make it clear that the *finalis concordia* in the Court was followed by a *Carta Confirmacionis*. I take it, therefore, that those Charters witnessed by the Mayor, Bailiff, and four, or more, Jurats, are *Carte Confirmacionis*, resulting from a suit heard in the local court. It is to be noted also that the grantors received *xlsh.* for the confirmation of their Charter in the Hundred Court of Dover. Looking at the witnesses from this point of view, we find the Constable, the Seneschal, and the Clerk of the Constable (George,

carte hujus scriptor), representing the Castle; and the *Prepositus* and Clerk of Dover representing the Town. In addition to these there are twenty-seven other names, which are those of important townsmen and Castle officials. It will at once be seen that there is a striking omission, no Mayor of Dover appears among the witnesses, and what, to me, is more remarkable, a "Simon the Dean" signs before the Constable. The question naturally arises, Was there a Mayor of Dover at this period? I here made considerable research to settle this point, but have merely obtained some negative results. There is no record of the town having been let to the Burgesses at fee ferm, and there is no reference to Dover in this connection in Maddox's *Firma Burgi* or the *History of the Exchequer*. The Pipe Rolls show a return for the ferm of Dover, but the ferm was paid from the issues of the passage and not by the freemen. In the reign of Henry III. this ferm disappears altogether, being, as I imagine, assigned to the Constable in part payment of his salary (*cf. Rot. Claus., R. Ser., 13 Ed. I., fol. 322, 324*). In the absence of any positive information of a later date, we are driven back to the Domesday Book, which clearly proves that in the days of the Confessor the Burgesses of Dover possessed certain privileges which they held by a service of ships, and that, moreover, they had a *Gilhalla*. It would be an outrage to common sense to imagine that the Burgesses had no presiding officer, they must have chosen someone, and he must also have been known by some title, and my surmise is that he was called the "Dean." My study of the early documents connected with Dover have led me to accept without hesitation Mr Horace J. Round's theory that the municipal customs of Dover

have a foreign origin, and I am equally able to believe that the chief civic officer was a *Doyen* "elected by the inhabitants of the Vill, or by the more worthy of them, to whom belonged the right of making *adjornamenta* and taking bail." This view would account for the *teste* of Simon the Dean in the Charter in question, but having submitted it to some whose verdict would probably be regarded as final, and having been told that it is "fanciful" and "untenable," I can do no more than record it as my humble contribution to the solution of a difficult question. Two facts are patent—in the days of the Conqueror Dover burgesses possessed certain privileges ; when, some two hundred years later, its history begins to rise from obscurity, we find it with a well-established system of self-government. The Mayor and Jurats exercise full legal and civic authority over the freemen, the king's officer, first a *Prepositus*, and then a Bailiff, over the "foreigner," or "alien" resident in the Vill. To what date are we to assign the origin of this form of government? Was it a development since the Conquest, or was it the survival of a set of customs anterior to the death of Harold? The probabilities, in my opinion, are that the latter is the true version. I have before stated that it is not impossible that the ship service dates back to Alfred (*History of Dover*, 36), but, be that as it may, it is certain that the freemen of Dover exercised some form of municipal government before the Conquest, and formed their customal more from their neighbours across the Channel than from inland sources. It must always be remembered in dealing with the early history of Dover, and of the other Cinque Ports, that the end of the Angevin dynasty roughly marks the period at

which their importance and utility to the State began to decay, and that when we speak of Dover in the days of King John, we are dealing with a town that had played an important part in the nation's affairs for a considerable period. It was no new burgh with its customs to be formed, but an ancient Vill with its history behind it. The important aid rendered to William I. by the vessels of the south-eastern ports is a proof of their power and vitality even in those early days, and it would be an anachronism to imagine that in 1203 they were just formulating some system of local government. They were far more likely engaged in defending their ancient liberties from change and encroachment. All this leads me to think that the absence of the name of some chief civic official in this Charter is highly remarkable, especially as in all subsequent Court documents the Mayor and Bailiff are invariably found as witnesses.

The first time the title of Mayor occurs in The Dover Charters is in 1257 (*page 9*), and the first writ addressed to the "Mayors and Bailiffs of the Cinque Ports" is dated August 30, 1256 (*Rot. Pat.*, 40 *Henry III.*). We may therefore assume with some confidence that the title was not used until about this period. About the same date the *Prepositus* disappears and the King's representative is known as the Bailiff. The Index gives a list of a large number of these civic officers, but by no means exhausts the information obtainable on this point. I have been able to compile from various sources a roll of the Mayors of Dover from the year 1363, which, with the exception of six years only, is complete to the present day. There are also some twenty years accounted for between 1257 and 1363,

and although there is but small hope of adding many other names to the list, it is doubtful whether any other town in England can produce a fuller authentic record.

There are three words which occur in different documents which seem to require some explanation—*Skomerfare* on page 87; *Lovecopfry* on page 179; and *Utwiethis* on page 264. *Skomerfare* occurs in Gower's *Confessio Amantis*, and in Halliwell's Dictionary is described as meaning piracy. The derivation is given as from *escumerie*, which certainly means piracy. This explanation is not altogether satisfactory, for *Skomerfare* is evidently a compound word, and cannot be derived from *escumerie* alone. In the Dover Chamberlains' Accounts the tolls levied on various imports are invariable called "fare," e.g., "Hokfare," "Herringfare," "Sprotfare," etc., and *Skomerfare* must accordingly be a toll levied on "Skomer." The word occurs occasionally in the accounts, and it will not be out of place to quote one or two instances of its use.

Et solut' Johanni Hamon pro Sqymfare — (*Add. MSS., B.M., 29615, fol. 55*).

Et in litteris deferendis pro hominibus de Mergate . . . querendis pro voiagium de Skomerfare ad diversas vices—
iiis. iid. (ib. fol. 22b).

If we derive the word from *escumerie* it would mean either the toll levied on all booty captured and landed out of pirate vessels, or, what is more probable, the proportion of profit which each mariner obtained as his share of the plunder. I am inclined to think the latter is the right local interpretation of the word, for the Warden, as the Admiral of the Cinque Ports, always claimed at least a share in the goods of pirates. The patent of Henry Brook, Eighth Lord Cobham, as Warden of the

Ports, dated September 30, 1597, mentions amongst his "benefits and royalties," "*All benefits of the goods of pirates and rovers.*" In all probability the word had a double meaning—first the expedition fitted out for the destruction of troublesome piratical vessels, and then the share of booty captured during the *voiage*.

Lovecopfry is described in *Jeake's Charters* as a word connected with mercantile pursuits, but I cannot find any authority for such an interpretation. It appears to be a term peculiar to the Cinque Ports, and may possibly mean free from toll on sale or purchase of commodities.

In a manuscript note on the margin of the copy of Jeake's work, now in the Bodleian Library, it is suggested that it means the right of having brothels in a town without the royal or episcopal licence.

Utviethis, from *utviethum* probably as a nominative, I have not discovered in any book of reference, and have therefore been compelled to give a translation of my own. I have sought to connect it with *vieo*, to bind with twigs, and have interpreted it as weir-baskets.

The Latin of some of the later documents is very corrupt, and in many cases I have noted impossible constructions with an asterisk.

It will not escape attention that there are practically no explanatory notes in this volume. This is not owing to a lack of information but to a deliberate design. It is my sincere hope that the Corporation of Dover will continue the work now begun, and publish successive volumes of their records until they possess a complete Series. It is hardly too much to say that a descriptive note could have been appended to nearly every name mentioned in the text, but to have done so would clearly have been a waste of space if the sources from which the

information was derived are to be published in full. When it is understood that a rate of a very small fraction of a penny will enable this to be done, I am more than hopeful that the Corporation will be induced to carry out this meritorious work. I have thought it desirable to include in this book a complete list of the different records belonging to the town which still exist. It will be found on the next page.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Rev. T. Shipdem Frampton and Dr Sebastian Evans for their most valuable assistance in preparing this work, and to Mr Jeakes, of the Manuscript Department of the British Museum, for the unselfish labour he bestowed in reading the proof sheets. I am also much indebted to Mr H. Gibson for the excellent photograph from which the frontispiece was made.

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LIST OF TOWN RECORDS

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1550-1576.	B.M. „	2094.
1577-1605.	B.M. „	2095.
1602-1608.	B.M. „	2096.
1608-1616.	B.M. Add. MSS.	28036.
1644-1660.	B.M. Egerton MSS.	2096.
1674-1768.	B.M. Add. MSS.	28037.
1603-1680.	} Dover Corporation MSS. Books, Nos. I., II., III., IV., V. and VI.	
1674-1768.		
1737-1798.		

Note.—Add. MSS. 28037 has been transcribed, and forms one of the MSS. Books in the Corporation Records, together with the larger portion of Egerton MSS. 2094.

CHAMBERLAINS' ACCOUNTS, Etc.

The earliest accounts begin in 1365, and continue, with various gaps, to 5 and 6 William IV. From 1365 to 1546 the original accounts are now preserved in the British Museum, together with an alphabetical index to them made about 1800. This index accounts for the double dates which occur in the following references:—

1381-1382.	. .	Egerton MSS.	2091.
1465-1479.	. .	„	2090.
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1509-1545.	. .	„	2092.
1560-1561.	. .	„	2109.
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1434-1458.	. .	"	29810.
1463-1485.	. .	"	29616.
1485-1509.	. .	"	29617.
1509-1546.	. .	"	29618.
1547-1835.	Dover Corporation MSS. Account Books, Vols. I. to IX.		

Note.—Egerton MSS. 2091, and Add. MSS. 29615, fol. 1-138, have been transcribed, and are with the other Corporation Records.

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1510-1565.	. .	Egerton MSS.	2108.
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RECORD OF PLEAS BEFORE THE MAYOR, BAILIFF
AND JURATS, SESSIONS OF PEACE, Etc.

1383-1386.	. .	Egerton MSS.	2091.
1387-1426.	. .	"	2088.
1428-1436.	. .	"	2089.
1466-1476.	. .	"	2090.
1601-1628.	. .	"	2111.
1628-1661.	. .	"	2112.
1661-1692.	. .	"	2111-2115 (Rough Memoranda for Suits).

Note.—Egerton MSS. 2091 has been transcribed, and is deposited with the Corporation MSS.

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xj Julii, 11 Hen. III.

HENRICUS dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et Comes Andegavie ; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Forestariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis—Salutem.

Sciatis nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, Deo et Hospitali Dovorie, quod dilectus et fidelis noster Hubertus de Burgo Comes Kancie, Justiciarius Anglie, fundavit in honore dei et beate marie, donacionem quam idem comes fecit predicto Hospitali de Manerio de Estbrigge, cum advocacione ecclesie et cum omnibus [pertinen]ciis suis ad sustentationem pauperum et peregrinorum ibidem adveniencium ; salvis tamen eidem comiti et heredibus suis feodis militum que sunt de eodem manerio. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod magister et fratres predicti Hospitalis ha[beant] et teneant predictum manerium cum omnibus [pertinenciis] suis, exceptis feodis militum que ad predictum manerium pertinent [bene] et in pace libere et quiete, cum omnibus libertatibus et [liberis consuetudini]bus ad idem manerium pertinentibus. Sicut carta [predicti comitis quam inde] fieri fecit predicto Hospitali, rationabi[liter t]estatur.

Hiis testibus, venerabilibus Patribus E. Londoniniense, et J. Bathonense ; H. de Burgo, Comite Kancie, Justiciario nostro ; Ranulfo, Comite Cestrie ; Willelmo Marascallo, Comite Pembrochie ; Willelmo, Comite Albemarle ; Ricardo de Argent[an], Senescallo nostro ; Gelmo de [Welis] ; et aliis.

Data per manum venerabilis Patris R. Cicestrensis, Episcopi et Cancellarii nostri, undecimo die Julii anno regni nostri undecimo.

I.

11 July 1227.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy, Aquitaine, and Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justiciars, Foresters, Sheriffs, *Prepositi*, and all Bailiffs, and his Lieges—Greeting.

Know that we have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed, to God and the Hospital of Dover, which our beloved and faithful Hubert de Burgo, Earl of Kent, Justiciar of England, founded in honour of God and the blessed Mary, the gift which the same Earl made to the aforesaid Hospital of the Manor of Eastbridge, with the advowson of the Church, and with all its appurtenances, for the support of the poor and of the pilgrims coming thither ; saving, however, to the same Earl and his heirs the knights' fees which belong to the same manor. Wherefore we will and strictly command that the Master and Brethren of the aforesaid Hospital have and hold the aforesaid manor, with all its appurtenances, the knights' fees which belong to the aforesaid manor excepted, well and in peace, quietly and freely, with all liberties and free customs pertaining to the said manor ; as the charter of the aforesaid Earl, which for that purpose he caused to be made to the aforesaid Hospital, doth reasonably testify.

Witnesses, the venerable Fathers Eustace of London and Josceline of Bath ; H. de Burgo, Earl of Kent, our Justiciar ; Ranulf, Earl of Chester ; William Marshall, Earl of Pembroke ; William, Earl of Albemarle ; Richard d'Argentan, our Seneschal ; Gelmus de Welis ; and others.

Given by the hand of the venerable Father Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor, the eleventh day of July in the eleventh year of our reign.

II.

xvij Februarii, 13 Hen. III.

HENRICUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hybernie, Dux Normannie et Aquitanie, Comes Andegavie; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Forestariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus Suis—Salutem.

Sciatis nos, intuitu dei et pro salute anime nostre et animarum antecessorum et heredum nostrorum, concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, pro nobis et heredibus nostris magistro hospitalis domus dei de Dovera, et fratribus ejusdem hospitalis, quod ipsi et homines sui et terre et tenementa sua quieti sint in perpetuum de sectis shirarum, hundredorum, lestorum, et lagedeiorum; et de auxiliis vicecomitum et ballivorum, et visu francorum plegiorum; et guardis, et operacionibus, et clausuris castorum parcorum et poncium; et passagio, pontagio, stallagio, tallagio, lestagio, et paagio, et wrecco maris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti magister et fratres et eorum successores et homines sui et terre et tenementa sua sint quieti in perpetuum de omnibus predictis, sicut predictum est.

Hiis testibus, J. Bathonense, R. Dunholmense, et W. Karleonense, Episcopis; H. de Burgo, Comite Kancie, Justiciario Anglie; Stephano de Segrave; Hugone Dispensario; Nicolao de Molis; Radulpho de Ralege; et aliis.

Data per manum venerabilis patris R., Cycestrensis Episcopi, Cancellarii nostri, apud Westmonasterium, septimo decimo die februarii anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

II.

17 February 1229.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England, etc.—
Greeting.

Know that we, out of reverence to God, and for the salvation of our soul, and for the souls of our ancestors and heirs, have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed, for us and our heirs, to the Master of the Hospital of the *Domus Dei* of Dover and to the Brethren of the same Hospital, that they and their men, with their lands and tenements, be for ever quit of suits of Shires, Hundreds, Leets and Lagedays; and from aids of Sheriffs and Bailiffs, and from view of frank-pledges; and from wards, works and enclosures of castles, parks and bridges; and from passage, pontage, stallage, tallage, lestage and paage; and from wreck of the sea. Wherefore we will and strictly command that the aforesaid Master and Brethren and their successors, and their men, lands and tenements, be quit for ever from all the aforesaid, as is aforesaid.

Witnesses, J. Bath, Richard of Durham and Walter of Carlisle, Bishops; H. de Burgo, Earl of Kent, Justiciar of England; Stephen de Segrave; Hugh Despenser; Nicholas de Molis; Ralph de Ralege; and others.

Given by the hand of the venerable Father R., Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor, at Westminster, the seventh day of February in the thirteenth year of our reign.

Portions of the seal remain.

III.

ix Februarii, 19 Hen. III.

HENRICUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hybernie, Dux Normannie Aquitanie, et Comes Andegavie Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, prepositis, ministris, et omnibus ballivis, et fidelibus Suis—Salutem. Sciate nos concessisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, Deo et hospitali Dovorie, quod dilectus et fidelis noster Hubertus de Burgo Comes Kancie fundavit in honorem dei et beate marie, donationem quam idem comes fecit predicto hospitali de manerio de Estbrigge, cum advocacione ecclesie cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, ad sustentacionem pauperum et peregrinorum ibidem adveniencium, exceptis feodis militum que sunt de eodem manerio. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod magister et fratres predicti hospitalis habeant et teneant predictum manerium cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, exceptis feodis militum quod sunt de eodem manerio, bene et in pace libere et quiete cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad idem manerium pertinentibus, sicut carta predicti comitis quam inde fieri fecit predicto hospitali rationabiliter testatur.

Hiis testibus, Venerabili Patre H. Roffensi ; G. Marescalco Comite Pembroc ; R. Comite Cornubie, et Pictavie ; Willemo de Ferariis ; Radulpho filio Nicholai ; Godefrido de Craucumbe ; Johanne filio Philippi ; Amauricio de Sancto Amando ; Galfrido de Cauz ; Henrico de Capella ; Bartholomeo Peche ; Willemo Gernun ; et aliis.

Data per manum venerabilis patris Radulphi Cycestrensis Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Douram nono die februarii anno regni nostri decimo nono.

III.

9 February 1235.

THIS is practically the same as number I. The witnesses only being different. They are as follows,—

The venerable Father Henry of Rochester ; G. Marshall, Earl of Pembroke ; R., Earl of Cornwall and Poitou ; William de Ferrariis ; Ralph Fitz-Nicholas ; Godfrey de Craucumbe ; John Fitz-Philip ; Amaury de Sancto Amando ; Geoffrey de Cauz ; Henry de Capella ; Bartholomew Peche ; William Gernun ; and others.

Given by the hand of the venerable Father Ralph, Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor, at Dover, on the ninth day of February in the nineteenth year of our reign.*

* The fact that Hubert de Burgo was deprived of his office and estates in 1232, receiving back a portion at all events of the latter in 1234, accounts for this second confirmation of the grant of the manor of Eastbridge.

IV.

Mense Decembris, 42 Hen. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Hugo le Coit, Aelesia filia Roberti Bedelli,* Petronilla soror mea, Reinilda filia Thome prepositi, Cristina soror mea, et Cristina filia Knithwini, dimissimus et quietum clamavimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus, magistro et fratribus hospitalis beate marie in Dovora totum jus nostrum et clamium quod habuimus, vel habere potuimus, aut in posterum habere poterimus, in toto tenemento quod fuit Nicholai filii Johannis Ruffi Carnificis, scilicet infra libertatem Doure in loco qui vocatur Sconebroke et in Attertune, in tenura dictorum magistri et fratrum : Ita quod nec nos, nec heredes nostri, nec aliquis per nos, nec pro nobis, aliquid juris vel clamii in toto predicto tenemento de Sconebroke et de Attertune habere poterimus nec debemus nec decetero vindicare imperpetuum : Salvo tamen nobis servicio quod Nicholaus filius Johannis Ruffi Carnificis nobis de dicto tenemento debuit. Pro hac autem nostra dimissione et quieta clamancia, et hujus presentis carte nostre confirmatione, dederunt nobis supradicti magister et fratres unam marcam sterlingorum. Et ut hec nostra dimissio et quieta clamancia, et hujus presentis carte nostre confirmatio, firma et stabilis permaneat, presentem cartam sigillorum nostrorum impressionibus roboravimus.

Hec carta facta fuit et recordata anno regni regis Henrici, filii Johannis regis, quadragesimo secundo mense Decembris.

Hiis testibus Thoma filio Vergilii, tunc preposito Dovorie ; Jacobo Lucas, tunc majore ; Nicolao filio Ricardi ; domino Georgio ; Ricardo le Archier ; Stephano Hurtin ; Petro Corbayle ; Hamone Corbayle ; Johanne Trippe ; Johanne ater stegele ; Willelmo filio Alani ; Willelmo de Dovoria, clerico ; et multis aliis.

* Probably the Bedel of Dover Castle.

I V.

December 1257.

Know all present and future that we Hugh le Coit, Alice daughter of Robert the Bedel, Petronilla my sister, Reinilda daughter of Thomas the *Prepositus*, Christina my sister, and Christina the daughter of Knithwin, have demised and quit-claimed, and by this our present charter have confirmed, to the Master and Brethren of the Hospital of the blessed Mary in Dover the whole of our right and claim which we have, or might have, or in the future shall have, in the whole tenement which belonged to Nicholas son of John Ruff, butcher ; to wit, within the liberty of Dover, in the place which is called Scone broke and in Attertune, in the tenure of the aforesaid Master and Brethren : So that neither we, nor our heirs, nor anyone by us, nor for us, shall be, nor ought to be, able to have nor challenge henceforward for ever, any right or claim in the whole of the aforesaid tenement of Scone broke and Attertune ; Saving, however, to ourselves the service which Nicholas, the son of John Ruff, butcher, owed us for the said tenement. For this, however, our demise and quit-claim, and the confirmation of this our present charter the aforesaid Master and Brethren have given us one marc sterling. And, in order that this our demission and quit-claim and the confirmation of this present charter may remain firm and stable, we have confirmed the present charter with the impression of our seals.

This charter was made and recorded in the forty-second year of the reign of King Henry, son of King John, in the month of December.

Witnesses, Thomas, son of Vergile, then *Prepositus* of Dover ; James Lucas, then Mayor ; Nicholas, son of Richard ; Sir George ; Richard le Archier ; Stephen Hurtin ; Peter Corbayle ; Hamo Corbayle ; John Trippe ; John at Stile ; William, son of Alan ; William of Dover, Clerk ; and many others.

V.

Anno 2, Edward I.

SCIENT presentes et futuri quod ego Alicia filia Benedicti Le Riche de Dovor in legia viduitate et potestate mea dedi concessi et presenti carta mea confirmavi Willelmo de Aula Dovorie quatuor denarios annui redditus cum releviis eschaetis exinde provenientiibus et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis, quos michi annuatim reddere solebant heredes Matildis, quondam uxoris domini Petri de Burton militis, videlicet ad festum Sancti Michaelis, de dimidia acra terre cum pertinenciis que jacet in tenura de Cherlton juxta Regiam viam, que ducit de prioratu de Dovoriam usque ad Stapingdune. Tenend' et habend' sibi et heredibus suis et cuicumque seu quibuscumque dare vendere vel assignare voluerit, libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario inperpetuum, ffaciend' inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis servitium unius clavigariofilli ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste pro omnibus exactionibus et casibus actis ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinentibus omni occasione remota. Et ego predicta Alicia et heredes mei et mei assignati warantizabimus aquieta-bimus et defendemus totum predictum redditum cum releviis eschaetis exinde provenientiibus et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis predicto Willelmo et heredibus suis sive assignatis de omnibus serviciis dictum redditum contingentibus contra omnes homines et feminas Christianos et judianos per predictum servitium inperpetuum. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et presentis carte mee confirmatione et warantia mea facta et recordata et sigillo meo firmiter munita anno regni regis Edwardi, filii Regis Henrici, secundo dedit michi predictus Willelmus duos solidos et sex denarios in gersumam.

Hiis testibus, Ricardo Archer ; Nicholao et Ricardo, filiis ejusdem ; Johanne Joseph ; Laurentio ; Stephano Martini ; Willelmo de Silertestone ; Petro Carpentario de Siberstone ; Johanne de ecclesia de Hughham ; Gileberto de Makestone ; et multis aliis.

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V.

Between 20 November 1273 and 19 November 1274.

KNOW all present and future that I, Alice, daughter of Benedict Le Riche of Dover, in my lawful widowhood and power have given, granted, and, by my present charter, have confirmed to William at Hall of Dover the four pence of annual rent, with the reliefs and escheats thence arising, and with all their other appurtenances, which the heirs of Matilda, formerly wife of Sir Peter de Burton, Knight, used to pay me annually, to wit at the feast of Saint Michael, for one half acre of land with its appurtenances, which lies in the tenure of Charleton, near the King's highway, which leads from Dover Priory as far as Stapingdune; to have and to hold for himself and his heirs, and for any and all to whom he shall be willing to give, sell or assign them, freely, quietly, well and peacefully in hereditary right for ever: rendering therefrom to me and my heirs annually the service of one clove of gillyflower at the feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist for all exactions and cases held pertaining to me or my heirs, every tribute being abolished. And I, the aforesaid Alice, my heirs and assigns will warrant, acquit and defend the whole of the aforesaid rent, with the reliefs escheats thence arising, and with all other its appurtenances, to the aforesaid William, and his heirs or assigns, for all services connected with the said rent against all men and women, Christians or Jews, by the aforesaid service for ever. However, for this gift, grant and confirmation by this, my present charter, and my warranty made, recorded and firmly endorsed by my seal in the second year of the reign of King Edward, the son of King Henry, the aforesaid William has given me two shillings and sixpence as an earnest

Witnesses, Richard Archer; Nicholas and Richard, his sons; John Joseph; Lawrence; Stephen Martin; William of Silertestone; Peter the Carpenter of Siberstone; John at Church of Hougham; Gilbert of Maxton; and many others.

VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus le Gold Dedi Concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi magistro et fratribus domus dei Dovorie unam peciam terre in villa de la Rivere jacentem inter terram Petri ate Lane versus aquilonem, et viam que ducit ad ecclesiam de la Rivere versus Austrum, et capitat super la lane que ducit in descendendo ad Ripariam versus occidentem, et ad terram Willelmi ate Fesighe versus orientem : Habend' et tenend' dictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis predictis magistro et fratribus et eorum successoribus libere integre et quiete imperpetuum : Et ego Henricus et heredes mei et etiam assignati Warentizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus dictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis predictis magistro et fratribus et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum. Pro hiis autem donacione concessione et presentis carte confirmacione dederunt mihi et Isabelle uxori mee quasdam particulas terre predicti magister et fratres prout continetur in carta ipsorum quam inde nobis fecerunt in escambium.

In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi.

Hiis testibus, Petro Corbail ; Willelmo le Neue ; Dunstano de Scalare ; Petro at Lane ; Absalone filio Johannis ; Simone del Bor ; Gerardo de la fforde ; Henrico Harlewyne ; Johanne Trippe ; Johanne le Alderman ; Ricardo de Coulingge clerico ; et aliis. Data Dovoriam.

VI.

Not dated.

Know all men, present and future, that I, Henry le Gold, have given, granted, and by this, my present charter, have confirmed to the Master and Brethren of the *Domus Dei* of Dover one plot of land in the town of River, lying between the land of Peter at Lane towards the north, and the road which leads to River Church towards the south, and abuts upon the lane which leads downhill to the stream towards the west, and to the land of William at Fesighe towards the east : To have and to hold the said plot of land, with its appurtenances, to the Master and Brethren aforesaid, and their successors, freely, wholly and quietly for ever. And I, Henry, my heirs and assigns also, will warrant, acquit and defend the said plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Master and Brethren and their successors against all men for ever : However, for this gift, grant and confirmation of the present charter, the aforesaid Master and Brethren have given to me and Isabella my wife certain parcels of land as are contained in their charter, which, on that behalf, they made for us in exchange.

In testimony whereof I have confirmed this present charter with the impress of my seal.

Witnesses, Peter Corbail ; William le New ; Dunstan at Scalare ; Peter at Lane ; Absalom, son of John ; Simon del Bor ; Gerard of the Ford ; Henry Harlewin ; John Trippe ; John the Alderman ; Richard of Coulinge, clerk ; and others.

Given at Dover.*

* Although this deed is undated, the witnesses enable us to place it about this period.

VII.

v Februarii 1280.

NOVERINT universi quod ego Thomas filius Gabrielis remisi ac penitus de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamavi deo et hospitali beate Marie Dovorie et fratribus loci ejusdem totum jus et clamium que habui in una dimidia acra terre cum suis pertinenciis in tenura ipsorum fratrum in villa de Ryparia, que quidem dimidia acra jacet in longitudine inter terram Johannis le Neue versus aquilonem, et terram Dionisii de Gussestone versus austrum, et capitat versus occidentem ad terram Willemi ate Vesye, et versus orientem ad terram Dionisii ate Bernes: Habend' et tenend' dimidiam acram terre predictam cum suis pertinenciis eisdem fratribus et eorum successoribus imperpetuum: Ita videlicet quod ego Thomas vel heredes mei nichil juris vel clamii in predicta dimidia acra terre cum suis pertinenciis exigere seu vindicare poterimus nec debemus aliquo modo imperpetuum. Pro hac autem remissione et quieta clamancia dederunt mihi predicti fratres quadraginta solidos sterlingorum permanibus.

In cujus rei testimonium hoc scriptum sigilli mei munitione roboravi.

Hiis testibus, Petro Corbaille; Henrico le Gold; Roberto le Gold; Henrico le Bard; Dunstano ate Stile; Johanne Pikstone; Petro le Londare; Henrico Underdiche; Johanne le Neue; Stephano Adgar; Stephano le Wrake; Ricardo de Coulingge; et aliis.

Data quinto die februarii anno gracie m.ccº octogesimo.

VII.

5 February 1280.

KNOW all men that I, Thomas Fitz-Gabriel, have remitted, and entirely for me and my heirs for ever quit-claimed to God and the Hospital of the blessed Mary at Dover, and the Brethren of the same place, the whole right and claim which I had in one half acre of land with its appurtenances, in the tenure of the said Brethren, in the village of River : which half acre, indeed, lies lengthwise between the land of John le Neue towards the north, and the land of Dionisius of Guston towards the south, and abuts westward on the land of William at Vesie, and to the east on the land of Dionisius at Bernes, to have and hold the aforesaid half acre of land with its appurtenances to the said Brethren and their successors for ever ; so that, to wit, neither I, Thomas, nor my heirs shall either be, or ought to be, able to exact or challenge in any way any right or claim in the aforesaid half acre of land with its appurtenances for ever : moreover, for this remission and quit-claim the aforesaid Brethren have given me forty shillings sterling in hand.

In testimony whereof I have confirmed this writing with the muniment of my seal.

Witnesses, Peter Corbaille ; Henry le Gold ; Robert le Gold ; Henry le Bard ; Dunstan-at-Stile ; John Pikston ; Peter le Londare ; Henry Underditch ; John le Neue ; Stephen Adgar ; Stephen le Wrake ; Richard of Coulinge ; and others.

Dated the fifth day of February in the year of grace One thousand two hundred and eighty.

VIIJ.

iiij Maii, 10 Edw. I.

REX dilecto et fideli suo Stephano de Penecestria, Constabulario Castri sui Dovorie et Custodi quinque Portuum—Salutem. Quia ex querela Baronum nostrum de ffaveresham [accepimus quod Oswaldus *] abbas ejusdem loci, per quandam compositionem dudum inter ipsum et Barones illos initam, invenire [debeatur] unum hominem ad custum suum ad custodiend' prisonam nostram ibid[em una] cum quodam alio homine per dictos Barones ad hoc inveniend'; et idem Abbas [per eandem compositionem hominem predictum] ad custodiend' prisonam predictam invenerit ipse nihilominus hoc jam facere contra [dicit minus juste: Nos advertentes quod] per defectum custodie hujusmodi futuris temporibus poterit periculum iminere, vobis [mandamus quod inquisitionem faciatis de quere]lla predictorum Baronum, si inveneritis ita esse, tunc prefatum Abbatem hominem [predictum ad prisonam illam custodiend' in]venire faciatis, sicut id per compositionem predictam facere debet et solet temporibus [retroactis].

Teste me ipso apud Gloucestriam iiij die Maii anno regni nostri decimo.

* The name is almost entirely illegible. It looks like Alanus, but in Add. MSS., B.M., 5827 f. 152 b, Oswaldus de Estria is given as Abbot from 1275-1292.

VIII.

4 May 1282.

THE KING to his beloved and faithful Stephen de Pencester, Constable of his Castle of Dover and Warden of the Cinque Ports—Greeting. As we have learnt from the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that [Oswald] Abbot of the same place, ought, by a certain composition, formerly made between himself and those Barons, to find one man, at his own cost, to guard our prison there, together with a certain other man to be found for this purpose by the said Barons: and although the same Abbot should have found, according to the said composition, the aforesaid man to guard the aforesaid prison, he nevertheless now wrongfully refuses to do this. We, considering that for lack of guard of this kind danger will be likely to accrue in the future, command you [that you make inquisition into the plaint] of the Barons aforesaid; if you find it to be thus you will cause the aforesaid Abbot to find the man aforesaid for the custody of that prison as he ought, and was wont, to do in times past, by the aforesaid agreement.

Witness myself, at Gloucester, the fourth day of May in the tenth year of our reign.

XI.

iiij Maii, 10 Edw. I.

EDWARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Aquitanie, dilecto servienti in Christo, Abbati de ffaveresham—Salutem. Quia ex querela Baronum nostrorum de ffaveresham accepimus quod cum vos juxta quandam compositionem dudum inter vos et ipsos initam invenire debeatis unum hominem ex parte vestra ad prisonam nostram ibidem ad sumptus vestros custodiend', una cum quodam alio homine per dictos Barones ad hoc inveniend', vos hominem aliquem ad hoc invenire, sicut prius invenistis, contradicitis minus juste ad grave dampnum ipsorum Baronum et contra compositionem predictam :

Nos advertentes quod periculum per defectum custodie hujusmodi posset futuris temporibus iminere. Vobis mandamus quod hominem predictum ad prisonam illam custodiend' ex parte vestra poni faciatis sicut id facere debetis et consuevistis juxta compositionem predictam, ita quod culpam vestram in hac parte arguere merito non debeamus.

Teste me ipso apud Gloucestriam iiij die Maii anno regni nostri decimo.

IX.

4 May 1282.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to his beloved servant in Christ, the Abbot of Faversham—Greeting. As we have learnt from the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that, as you ought, in accordance with a certain composition formerly made between you and them, to find for your part one man, at your own cost, to guard our prison there, together with a certain other man to be found for this purpose by the said Barons, to the grievous hurt of the said Barons, and contrary to the aforesaid agreement, you wrongfully refuse to find, as you formerly found, any man for this purpose: We, considering that for lack of guard of this kind danger might be likely to accrue in the future, command you that you cause to be provided the aforesaid man to guard that prison on your behalf, as you ought, and have been accustomed, to do according to the aforesaid agreement, so that we need not deservedly punish your fault in this matter.

Witness myself, at Gloucester, the fourth day of May in the tenth year of our reign.

X.

v Maii, 13 Edw. I.

EDWARDUS, dei gracia, etc., dilecto, etc. Ex querela Baronum nostrorum de ffaveresham accepimus quod * vos juxta quandam compositionem dudum inter vos et ipsos initam ponere debeatis unum hominem ex parte vestra ad prisonam nostram ibidem ad sumptus vestros custodiend', una cum quodam alio homine per ipsos Barones ad hoc inveniend', vos hominem aliquem ad hoc invenire sicut prius invenistis contradicitis minus juste ad grave dampnum ipsorum Baronum et contra compositionem predictam : Nos advertentes quod periculum per defectum custodie hujusmodi possit nobis futuris temporibus iminere, vobis mandamus, sicut alias mandavimus, quod hominem predictum ad predictam prisonam custodiend' ex parte vestra poni faciatis, sicut id facere debetis et consuevistis juxta compositionem predictam, et juxta tenorem alterius mandati nostri vobis alias inde directi, ita quod culpam vestram in hac parte arguere merito non debeamus, vel causam nobis significetis quare id facere non debeatis.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium quinto die Maii anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

X.

5 May 1285.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, etc., to his beloved, etc. We have learnt from the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that you, for your part, ought, in accordance with a certain composition formerly made between you and them, to find one man, at your own cost, to guard our prison there, together with a certain other man to be found for this purpose by the said Barons, to the grievous hurt of the said Barons, and contrary to the agreement aforesaid, wrongfully refuse to find, as you formerly found, any man for this purpose. We, considering that for lack of guard of this kind danger may be likely to accrue to us in the future, command you, as we have before commanded you, that you cause the aforesaid man to be provided to guard the aforesaid prison on your behalf, as you ought, and have been accustomed, to do according to the aforesaid agreement, and according to the tenor of the other our mandate formerly addressed to you in this behalf, so that we need not deservedly punish your fault in this matter ; or that you show cause before us why you ought not to do so.

Witness myself, at Westminster, the fifth day of May in the thirteenth year of our reign.

XI.

v Maii, 13 Edw. I.

EDWARDUS dei gracia, etc., dilecto, etc. Quia ex querela Baronum nostrorum de fflaveresham accepimus quod vos et Ballivi vestri ibidem ipsos Barones ad servicia indebita vobis faciend' graviter distringitis, et vos, contra quamdam compositionem inter vos * ipsos initam, inquietatis et multipliciter gravatis minus juste in ipsorum Baronum dispendium non modicum et gravamen: Nos eisdem Baronibus injurare nolentes in hac parte vobis mandamus, sicut alias mandavimus, quod ab hujusmodi districcionibus et gravaminibus in debitis prefatorum Baronum contra dictam compositionem de cetero inferend' desistatis, et ballivos vestros ibidem desistere faciatis, predictam compositionem juxta tenorem eju[sdem] prout justum fuerit observantes, juxta tenorem alterius mandati nostri quod inde recepistis, Ita quod clamor ad nos inde non perveniat iteratus per quod eis alterius juris remedio super hoc subvenire debeamus, vel causam nobis significetis quare premissa facere non debeatis.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium quinto dia Maii anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

XI.**5 May 1285.**

EDWARD, by the grace of God, etc., to his beloved, etc. As we have learnt from the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that you and your bailiffs there are grievously distraining the said Barons for the performance of services not due to you, and, contrary to a certain agreement made between you and them, molest and in many ways wrongfully harass them to the great expense and burden of the said Barons: We, not wishing to injure the said Barons in this matter, command you, as we have formerly commanded you, to desist, and cause your bailiffs there to desist, from henceforth levying distrains of this sort and undue burdens on the aforesaid Barons against the agreement aforesaid; and that you observe the aforesaid agreement according to its tenour so far as shall be just, in accordance with the tenour of the other our mandate which you have received in that behalf, so that further complaint on that account may not reach us, and cause us to aid them in this matter by the remedy of further law; or that you show cause to us why you should not perform the premises.

Witness myself, at Westminster, the fifth day of May in the thirteenth year of our reign.

XII.

iiij Augusti, 13 Edw. I.

EDWARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Aquitanie, Dilecto servienti in Christo, Abbati de ffaveresham—Salutem. Ex querela Baronum nostrorum de ffaveresham accepimus quod vos, juxta quandam compositionem dudum inter vos et ipsos initam, ponere debeatis unum hominem ex parte vestra ad prisonam nostram ibidem ad sumptus vestros custodiend', una cum quodam alio homine per predictos Barones ad hoc inveniend', vos hominem aliquem ad hoc invenire sicut prius invenistis contradicitis minus juste, ad grave dampnum ipsorum Baronum et contra compositionem predictam: Nos advertentes quod periculum per defectum custodie hujusmodi posset futuris temporibus iminere vobis mandamus, sicut pluries mandavimus, firmiter injungentes quod hominem predictum ad predictam prisonam custodiend' ex parte vestra poni faciatis, sicut id facere debetis et consuevistis juxta compositionem predictam et juxta tenorem predictorum mandatorum nostrorum vobis pluries inde directorum, Ita quod culpam vestram in hac parte arguere merito non debeamus, vel vos ipsi sitis coram nobis a die Sancti Michaelis ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia in xv dies ad respondend' prefatis Baronibus quare unum hominem ad prisonem predictam custodiend' ponere non debeatis, et nobis quare mandata nostra tociens vobis inde directa exequi contempsistis, et habeatis ibi hoc breve.

Teste me ipso apud Wolvemere iiij^o die Augusti anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

XII.

4 August 1285.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Aquitaine, to his beloved servant in Christ, the Abbot of Faversham—Greeting. We have learnt by the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that you, according to a certain composition formerly made between you and them, ought to find one man, on your behalf, for the custody of our prison there at your cost, together with a certain other man to be found for the same purpose by the Barons aforesaid: You unjustly, to the great damage of those Barons and contrary to the aforesaid agreement, now refuse to find any man for that purpose, as you formerly did: We, considering that for lack of guard of this kind danger might be likely to accrue in the future, command you, as we have several times commanded, firmly enjoining you, that you cause to be provided the aforesaid man to guard the prison aforesaid on your behalf, as you ought and have been accustomed to do according to the aforesaid composition, and according to the tenor of our mandates aforesaid frequently directed to you on that behalf: So that we need not deservedly punish your fault in this matter, or that you yourselves come before us wherever we may then be in England within 15 days from the feast of Saint Michael to reply to the aforementioned Barons why you be not bound to provide one man for the custody of the prison aforesaid, and to us why you have disdained to obey our mandates so frequently directed to you on that behalf, and that you have there this writ.

Witness myself, at Wolvemere, the fourth day of August in the thirteenth year of our reign.

XIII.

v Augusti, 13 Edw. I.

EDWARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie, dilecto servienti in Christo, Abbati de ffaversham—Salutem. Quia ex querela Baronum nostrorum de ffaveresham accepimus quod vos et ballivi vestri de ffaveresham nostros Barones ad servicia indebita et incon-sueta vobis faciend' graviter distringitis, et vos, contra quandam compositionem dudum inter vos et ipsos initam, inquietatis multipliciter et gravatis minus juste in ipsorum Baronum dispendium non modicum et gravamen, Nos nolentes quod eisdem Baronibus injuriatis in hac parte vobis mandamus, sicut pluries mandavimus, firmiter injun-gentes quod ab hujusmodi exaccionibus et districcionibus indebitis prefatorum Baronum contra dictam compositionem de cetero inferend' penitus desistatis, et ballivos desistere faciatis, eandem compositionem juxta tenorem ejusdem prout justum fuerit observantes juxta tenorem aliorum manda-torum nostrorum que inde recepistis: et districcionem eis occasione predicta factam sine dilatione relaxetis eisdem, Ita quod clamor ad nos inde non perveniat iteratus, vel vos ipsi sitis coram nobis a die Sancti Michaelis in xv dies ubicumque tunc fuerimus in Anglia ad respondend' prefatis Baronibus de injustis exaccionibus et districcionibus predictis, et nobis quare mandata nostra tociens inde vobis directa exequi distulistis: et habeatis ibi hoc breve.

Teste me ipso apud Wolvemere v^o die Augusti anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

XIII.

5 August 1285.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to his beloved servant in Christ, the Abbot of Faversham—Greeting. Forasmuch as we have learnt from the complaint of our Barons of Faversham that you and your bailiffs of Faversham grievously distrain our Barons for the performance to you of undue and unaccustomed services, and that you, contrary to a certain composition formerly entered into between you and them, frequently vex and unjustly oppress them to the grievous and weighty hurt of these Barons: We, unwilling that you should injure these Barons on this behalf, command you, as we have often commanded, firmly enjoining you, that you entirely desist henceforth from levying exactions and undue distrains of this kind on the aforesaid Barons, and cause your bailiffs to desist; observing the said agreement according to the tenor thereof, as shall be just, according to the tenor of our other commands which on that behalf you have received: and that you cease the distraint made upon them on the aforesaid plea without delay, so that a second complaint on that account shall not again reach us; or that you yourselves be before us wherever we may then be in England within 15 days from the feast of Saint Michael to answer to the said Barons for the unjust exactions and distrains aforesaid, and (to answer) to us wherefore you have delayed carrying out our frequent mandates directed to you on that behalf: And you have there this writ.

Witness myself, at Wolvemere, the fifth day of August in the thirteenth year of our reign.

XIV.

Mense Julii, 14 Edward I.

NOVERINT universi presens scriptum visuri vel audituri quod Ego Anabilla quondam uxor Willelmi de Aula de Dovora, assensu et concensu Johannis filii dicti Willelmi et mei, tradidi et dimisi Nicholao Bevelonde mercatori Dovore et heredibus suis vel assignatis unam terram cum pertinenciis jacentem in portu Dovore in Warda dicta Bikkenewarde super qua propria habet edificia : tenend' et habend' predictam terram predicto Nicholao et heredibus suis vel assignatis bene et in pace viduitate mea habita et servata quoad vixero, pro quadraginta et duobus denariis annui redditus mihi vel meo certo attornato super eandem terram ad duos terminos anni solvend', scilicet ad Natalem Domini pro viginti et uno denariis, et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste pro viginti et uno denariis sterlinggorum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto ad modum cirografi composito sigilla sua alternatim partes apposuerunt.

Hiis testibus, Ricardo Nelot ; Mattheo de Sancta Rade-gunde ; Nicholao de Wlurinton ; Petro de Ecclesia ; Waltero pistore ; Petro Hudding ; et aliis.

Actum mense Julii anno regni regis Edwardi, filii Henrici regis, quarto decimo.

XIV.**July 1286.**

KNOW all men who shall see or hear this present deed that I, Anabilla, formerly wife of William at Hall of Dover, with the assent and consent of John, son of the said William and myself, have delivered and demised to Nicholas Bevelond, merchant, of Dover, and his heirs or assigns, one parcel of land, with its appurtenances, lying in the Port of Dover, in the Ward called Biggin Ward, upon which he has his own buildings, to have and to hold the aforesaid land to the aforesaid Nicholas, his heirs or assigns, well and in peace, my widowhood held and preserved so long as I shall live, for forty-two pence of annual rent to be paid to me or my certain attorney for the same land at the two terms of the year, viz., at Christmas for twenty-one pence, and at the feast of St John the Baptist for twenty-one pence sterling.

In testimony whereof the parties have set their seals alternately to the present writing drawn up in the form of a deed.

Witnesses, Richard Nelot ; Matthew of Saint Radegund ; Nicholas of Wlurinton ; Peter at Church ; Walter the Baker ; Peter Hudding ; and others.

Done in the month of July in the fourteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the son of King Henry.

XV.

Mense Julii, 24 Edw. I.

ANNO regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Henrici, vicesimo quarto, mense Julii, Johannes filius Willelmi de Aula, quondam Dovorie, dimisit concessit et confirmavit, hiis cartis trifurcatis et sigillatis, Waltero le Chareter de Dovoriam et Cristine uxori sue, et Ricardo Sperhauck, quandam terram cum suis pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Dovorie in Bikken Warde inter terram Thome Godespeny versus west, et terram heredum Ricardi Archer versus est, et capitat ad terram Joseph versus suth, et ad Bikken Strete versus north : Habend' et tenend' predictam terram dictis Waltero et Cristine et heredibus Walteri, et Ricardo predicto, et heredibus suis et predictorum assignatis, libere quiete bene et pacifice inperpetuum, reddend' inde annuatim predictus Walterus et Cristina et Ricardus et heredes eorum vel assignati predicto Johanni et heredibus suis et assignatis quinque solidos et sex denarios redditus ad quatuor anni terminos, ad festum Sancti Michaelis xvjd. ob., ad Natale Domini xvjd. ob., ad Pascham Domini xvjd. ob., ad festum Nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste xvjd. ob.; et faciend' servicium domini regis quosciens fieri contigerit secundum consuetudinem Dovorie : Et predictus Johannes heredes sui vel assignati warantizabunt aquietabunt et defendent predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis predictis Waltero Cristine et Ricardo et heredibus eorum vel assignatis contra omnes gentes et dominos feodi inperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium partes hiis scriptis trifurcatis sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt.

Hiis testibus, Johanne de Aula, tunc Ballivo Dovorie ; Thoma Godespeny, tunc Majore ; Johanne Salequin ; Thoma Tinctore ; Laurentio Marescallo ; Willelmo Dance ; Simone Tannere ; Ricardo Nelot ; Nicholao Sopere ; Johanne de Ripple ; Johanne Tannere ; Beato ate Staple ; et multis aliis.

XV.

July 1296.

IN the twenty-fourth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Henry, in the month of July, John, son of William at Hall, formerly of Dover, demised, granted and confirmed, by these Charters sealed in triplicate, to Walter le Chareter of Dover and Christina, his wife, and to Richard Sperhawk, a certain plot of land, with its appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of Dover in Biggin Ward, between the land of Thomas Godespeny towards the west, and the land of the heirs of Richard Archer towards the east, and abutting on the land of Joseph towards the south, and on Biggin Street towards the north : to have and to hold the said land to the said Walter and Christina, and the heirs of Walter, and to Richard aforesaid, and the heirs and assigns of all the aforesaid, freely, fully well and peaceably for ever : The aforesaid Walter, Christina and Richard, their heirs or assigns, paying to the aforesaid John and his heirs and assigns an annual rent of five shillings and six pence at the four terms of the year, at the feast of S. Michael $16\frac{1}{2}d.$, at Christmas $16\frac{1}{2}d.$, at Easter $16\frac{1}{2}d.$, at the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed John the Baptist $16\frac{1}{2}d.$, and performing the service of the Lord King as often as it may arise to be done, according to the custom of Dover : and the aforesaid John, his heirs or assigns, will warrant, acquit and defend the aforesaid land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Walter, Christina and Richard, their heirs or assigns, against all men and the lords of the fee for ever.

In testimony whereof the parties have alternately placed their seals to these triplicate deeds.

Witnesses, John at Hall, then Bailiff of Dover ; Thomas Godespeny, then Mayor ; John Salkin ; Thomas the Dyer ; Laurence Marshall ; William Dance ; Simon Tanner ; Richard Nelot ; Nicholas Soper ; John at Ripple ; John Tanner ; Beatus at Staple ; and many others.

XVI.

die Junii, 28 Edward I.

PATEAT universis presentem cartam visuris vel audituris quod Johannes filius Willelmi de Aula de Dovorra concessit et dimisit Ricardo dicto Smart de Dovorra et Matildi uxori sue unam terram cum suis pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorrie in Georgeswarde, videlicet, inter terram Margarete filie Ricardi Godespeni versus suthwest, et inter terram Henrici Caboche versus northest, et capitat ad falesiam maris versus suthest, et ad regiam stratam versus northwest, habend' et tenend' predicto Ricardo et Matildi uxori sue et heredibus eorum vel assignatis libere quiete bene et pacifice jure hereditario inperpetuum; reddend' inde annuatim predicto Johanni et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis quatuor solidos sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet, ad Natalem Domini *xiid.*, et ad mediam quadragesimam *xiid.*, in festo Sancti Johannis Baptiste *xijd.*, et in festo Sancti Michaelis *xijd.*: Et faciend' similiter servicium domini regis quoscians fieri contigerit secundum consuetudinem Dovorrie: Et predictus Johannes et heredes sui vel assignati warantizabunt predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis predicto Ricardo et Matildi et heredibus suis vel assignatis contra omnes mortales inperpetuum: Et si predictus redditus in suis terminis predictis detineatur, licitum est predicto Johanni et heredibus suis vel assignatis predictam terram per omnia superinventa distringere et distractiones detinere usque ad predicti redditus detenti plenam solutionem, et usque ad restaurationem omnium expensarum ea actione habiturum seu habend'.

In hujus autem rei testimonium partes predictae presentibus sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt mense Junii anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Henrici, vicesimo octavo.

Hiis testibus, Johanne de Mari, tunc Majore Dovorrie; Valentino de Bere, tunc Ballivo; Ricardo Archer; Nicholao fratre suo; Thoma Breton; Thoma Tinctore; Thoma de Chiltone; Roberto de Bocklonde; Johanne de Stormothe; Johanne Golofre; Simone Wluenoth; Henrico Caboche; et multis aliis

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XVI.

June, 1300.

BE it clear to all who shall see or hear this present charter that John, the son of William at Hall of Dover, granted and demised to Richard called Smart of Dover, and Matilda, his wife, one plot of land with its appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Georges Ward, to wit, between the land of Margaret, the daughter of Richard Godspeny towards the south-west, and the land of Henry Caboche towards the north-east, and abuts upon the sea-cliff to the south-east, and towards the north-west on the King's highway, to have and to hold to the aforesaid Richard and Matilda, his wife, and their heirs or assigns, freely, quietly, well and peaceably in hereditary right for ever; paying therefor annually to the said John, his heirs or assigns, four shillings sterling at the four terms of the year, that is to say, at Christmas *xii*d., and at Mid Lent *xii*d., at the Feast of S. John the Baptist *xij*d., and at the Feast of S. Michael *xij*d.; and performing likewise the service of the Lord King as often as it shall be required, according to the custom of Dover. And the aforesaid John and his heirs or assigns will warrant the aforesaid land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Richard and Matilda, and their heirs or assigns, against all men for ever: And if the aforesaid rent be in arrear at the aforesaid terms it is lawful for the aforesaid John and his heirs or assigns to distrain the aforesaid land on all things found thereon, and to detain the distresses until the full payment of the rent aforesaid held back, and until repayment of all expenses had or likely to be had on that behalf.

In witness whereof the parties aforesaid have set their seals alternately to these presents in the month of June in the 28th year of King Edward, the son of King Henry.

Witnesses, John de Mari, then Mayor of Dover; Valentine de Bere, then Bailiff; Richard Archer; Nicholas, his brother; Thomas Breton; Thomas Dyer; Thomas de Chilton; Robert de Bocland; John de Stormothe; John Golofre; Simon W'luenoth; Henry Caboche; and many others.

XVIJ.

Le Quatorsime de Septembre, 6 Edw. II.

CONUE chose seyt a tuz ceus que cestes presentes lettres veirunt ow oirunt ; que com debuz conteks et riotes fussent sovent mues en la Vile de Dovorre en grant peril et perte de tute la Communaute de meme la Vile par ces que plusurs de la dite Vile furent en povris et sicum destruz de ces que il ne poeynt passer oue lur nefz ne gayner sicum les pussans et les riches fesseient. Acordee est et assentu par tuz les compaignons de la compeygnie que est appelle fferschip cest a saver Nichole Archer, Willeam Archer, Willeam Virgil, Johan Xandre, Simon Giles, Nichole Valentyn, Virgil Godespeny, Willeam Bagehte, Johan de Sandwich, Willeam Godyn, Thomas le Ku, Willeam Joseph, Robert Joseph, John Golofre, Thomas Lovekyn, Willeam Xandercok, Nichole Xandercok, Thomas Salkyn, Henry Lovekyn, Willeam Giles, Willeam Hurty, en presence du mayre et de tute la communaute et lur commune assent pur bien de pees et pur bon amour entre eus nurrir et pur le profist de tute la communaute, et le profit de tuz alans venans et passans, que del jour de la fason de ces escrit en avant nule nef passagere ne passe mesk par turn et cest asaver chestune nef treys fares, si tost com il poira bonements fere et apres les treys fare parfetes et complies cele nef ne passera en fare de passage tant par tutes les nefz passageres que sunt en la compaignie de fferschip eyent fet en meme la manere lur treys fares, en ce manere que les dite nefz soyent trovees loues et suffiscentes par les gardeyns que a ce seirunt eluz et assignes, et si nul de la dite Compaignye fate passer sa nef cuntre la forme de ceste ordinance soyt poer ou par Seignorie ou par quecumque autre manere, et de ce peut estre ateynt, soyt en corru en . c. souz desterling al eus nostre Seignour le Rey a paer, les quens . c. souz le Bayli de meme la Vile que pur le temps seira fra lever de tutes les nefz que il avera en le passage, et de teres et de tenemens et chateus que il avera en meme la Vile. Et meme les . c. souz delivera a gardeyn

XVII.

14 September 1312.

BE it known to all men who shall see or hear these present letters ; that whereas debates, contests and riots have often been stirred up in the town of Dover to the great peril and loss of the whole Commonalty of the same town, by reason of which many of the said town have been impoverished and like to be ruined, because they could not pass with their ships, nor gain as the powerful and the rich did : It is agreed and assented to by all the Companions of the Company called "fferschip," to wit, Nicholas Archer, William Archer, William Virgil, John Sander, Simon Giles, Nicholas Valentine, Virgil Godespeny, William Bagot, John de Sandwich, William Godin, Thomas le Ku, William Joseph, Robert Joseph, John Golofré, Thomas Lovekin, William Sandercock, Nicholas Sandercock, Thomas Salkin, Henry Lovekin, William Giles, William Hurtin, in the presence of the Mayor and of the whole Commonalty, and with their common assent, for the benefit of peace and for the encouragement of good feeling between them, and for the benefit of the whole Commonalty and the benefit of all going, coming and passing, that from the day of the making of this document henceforward no passenger ship shall cross except by turn, that is to say, each ship three fares as soon as it can well be done, and after the three fares finished and completed, that ship shall not cross with passengers until all the passenger ships that belong to the Company of "fferschip" shall have made their three fares in like manner, provided that the said ships be certified fit and sufficient by the Wardens, who shall be elected and assigned for that purpose : and if any of the said Company causes his ship to cross against the form of this ordinance, be it by force or by prerogative or by any other means, and can be convicted thereof, let him be amerced in 100 shillings sterling, to be paid to the use of our Lord the King, the which 100 shillings the Bailiff of the said town for the time being shall

de cynk pors hastivements sanz delay de dens les quinze jours apres cele offense fete. Et si ly dit Bayli fate desport ou seyt negligent trovee al execucioun fere de lever les . c. souz sicum avant est dit. Adunke lit a gardeyn de cynk pors ou a son Lu tenant en la dite Vile entrer et les avandit c. souz lever al eus nostre Seigneur le Rey cum de suz est dit. Et ordeyne est et assenti par les dis compaignons de fferschip que quatre de meme la Compaignye bons et leaus seynt eluz gardeyns de meme al ordinance bien et loyaument garder, et que seynt jurrez devant la dite Compaignye, est que loyaument coyclerunt et garderunt a commune profist de tute la compaignye tuz les servisses et les doles petiz et grans sicum il avieignent et que nul argent seyt delivree par les dis gardeyns anul de la compaignye, for le charcement sa partie. Issiuk que sur lur certeyn acunte chescun pusse estre servi a bon pleyn, et nul estre deservi sicum avant ces oures unt estee. Et pur ces que nous voloms pur nous et pur nos heys, et pur tuz ceus que apres nous vendrunt que ces ordinances, et chescun poynt des ordinances sicum suz est dit seynt ferm et estables pur tuz jours avoms fest fere treys endentures en seles del commune seel de la dite Vile, et de tuz nos seaus. Dunt la une endenture demurra en la Commune hwuche, et lautre endenture en la tresorie nostre Seigneur le Rey dens son Chastel de Dovorra et la tierce partie vers les gardeyns du Verschip. ffetes et donees, le quatorsime jour de Septembre lan du regne le Rey Edward, le fiz le Rey Edward, sime.

levy on all the ships which he may possess in the Passage, and on the lands, tenements and chattels that he may possess in the said town, and shall deliver the said 100 shillings to the Warden of the Cinque Ports at once, without delay, within fifteen days after that offence committed. And if the said Bailiff make default or be found negligent in enforcing the levy of the 100 shillings as aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the Warden of the Cinque Ports or his Lieutenant to enter the said town and to levy the aforesaid 100 shillings to the use of our Lord the King as is above said. It is also ordained and assented to by all the Companions of the "fferschip" that four good and loyal members of the said Company be elected Wardens to protect the said ordinance well and loyally, and that they be sworn before the said Company, and who shall loyally collect and preserve to the common benefit of the whole Company all the services and doles, small and great, as they arise, and that no money shall be delivered by the said Wardens to any of the Company except in payment of his share. Wherefore that upon their certain account each may be served with full fairness and none be undisserved as before they have been, and because we will for us and our heirs, and for all that shall come after that, these ordinances and every article of these ordinances as is above written be firm and established for ever, we have caused to be made three indentures sealed with the common seal of the said town and with all our seals, whereof one indenture shall remain in the Common Chest, the second indenture in the treasury of our Lord the King within his Castle of Dover, and the third part with the Wardens of the "fferschip."

Made and given the fourteenth day of September in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward, the son of King Edward.

Originally eleven seals were attached, four remain fairly perfect.

XVIII.

Mense Octobris, 19 Edw. II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Filius Alexandri Venesoun de Dovorra dedi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi, pro anima mea, et pro animabus Alexandri patris mei et Beatricis Matris mee filiorum ac parentium meorum, ffratri Johanni magistro domus dei Dovorre, et ffratribus ejusdem loci, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, quadraginta denarios liberi et perpetui redditus provenientes annuatim de uno tenemento quod Johannes Rande tenet, quod quidem tenementum jacet infra libertatem portus Dovorre in horsepolewardē videlicet inter Regiam stratam versus suthest, et tenementum Johannis Mochegod versus suthwest, et inter terram predicti Johannis versus northest: Habend' et tenend' predictos quadraginta denarios liberi redditus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ut predictum est prefatis magistro et ffratribus et eorum successoribus libere quiete [integre], et *solute heredum, imperpetuum. Et ego predictus Johannes et heredes mei warantizabimus predictos quadraginta denarios liberi redditus predictis magistro et ffratribus et eorum successoribus contra omnes gentes imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum est appensum mense Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, decimo nono.

Hiis testibus, Domino Roberto de Kendale, tunc Constabulario Castri Dovorre; Johanne de Mari, tunc Majore Dovorre; Wilhelmo Virgile, tunc Ballivo; Johanne de Aula; Wilhelmo de Hortyn; Thoma le Keu; Johanne Salekyn; Alexandro Hortyn; Wilhelmo, filio Nicholai Archer; Wilhelmo Giles; Alexandro Dureham; Thoma Reade; Johanne, filio Roberti de Boclonde; Gilberto ate Cherche; Stephanoco, Cleri et multis aliis.

XVIII.

October 1325.

Know all, present and future, that I, John, the son of Alexander Venesoun of Dover, have given granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed, for my soul, and for the souls of Alexander my father and of Beatrice my mother, and of my sons and relatives, to Brother John, Master of the *Domus Dei* of Dover, and to the Brethren of the same place, in pure and perpetual alms, forty pence of free and perpetual rent arising annually from a tenement that John Rande holds, which tenement lies within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Horsepool Ward, viz., between the King's highway towards the south-east, and the tenement of John Mochegod towards the south-west, and between the land of the aforesaid John towards the north-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid forty pence of free rent to the aforesaid Master and Brethren, and their successors in pure and perpetual alms, as is aforesaid, freely, fully, wholly, and for the salvation of my heirs, for ever. And I the aforesaid John and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid forty pence of free rent to the aforesaid Master and Brethren and their successors against all men for ever.

In witness whereof my seal is set to this present charter in the month of October in the nineteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the son of King Edward.

Witnesses, Sir Robert de Kendale, then Constable of Dover Castle; John at Sea, then Mayor of Dover; William Virgile, then Bailiff; John at Hall; William de Hortin; Thomas le Keu; John Salkin; Alexander Hortin; William, the son of Nicholas Archer; William Giles; Alexander Dureham; Thomas Reade; John, son of Robert de Buckland; Gilbert at Church; Stephen the Clerk; and many others.

A portion of a small seal remains.

XIX.

xxvj Februarii, 2 Edw. III.

EDWARDUS dei gratia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitanie, Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem. Inspeximus cartam nostram confirmationis quam nuper sub sigillo quo tunc utebamur fecimus Baronibus quinque portuum nostrorum in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem. Inspeximus litteras patentes quas celebris memorie Dominus E. quondam Rex Anglie avus noster fecit in hec verba.

Edwardus dei gracia Rex Anglie Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie—Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem. Considerantes quod navigium nostrum quinque portuum non absque magnis sumptibus et expensis poterit sustentari; ne navigium illud deficiat vel pereat in futurum, concessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod omnes illi de quinque portubus predictis, et alii quicumque advocantes se de libertate eorundem, et inde gaudere volentes, contribuant, videlicet quilibet eorum juxta facultates suas ad faciend' servicium nostrum et heredum nostrorum de navibus suis cum a nobis vel heredibus nostris hoc habuerint in mandatis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Sanctum Albanum vicesimo octavo die Aprilis anno regni nostri vicesimo sexto.

Nos autem concessionem predictam ratam habentes et gratam eam pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et confirmamus, sicut littere predictae racionabiliter testantur. Et quia supradictis verbis generalibus in predictis litteris contentis, videlicet quod quilibet contribuant juxta facultates suas ante hec tempora dissensiones varie sunt suborte. Nos, ut Barones portuum predictorum servicium predictum nobis et heredibus nostris commodius facere valeant temporibus oportunis, de consilio Prelatorum Comitum et Baronum nostrorum, ac communitatis regni nostri in presenti parlamento nostro convocatorum, con-

XIX.

26 February 1328.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom these present letters may come—Greeting. We have inspected our charter of confirmation which we lately made, under the seal which we were then using, to the Barons of our Cinque Ports in these words: *Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom these present letters may come—Greeting. We have inspected the letters patent which *King Edward of illustrious memory, formerly King of England, our grandfather, made in these words.*

“Edward, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom the present letters may come—Greeting. Considering that our Navy of the Cinque Ports cannot be kept up without great outlay and expense; lest that Navy languish or perish in the future, we have granted for Us and our heirs that all they of the Cinque Ports aforesaid, and any others whatsoever avowing themselves to be of the Liberty of the same, and on that account willing to enjoy them, shall subscribe, to wit, every one of them according to their power, to the performance of the Service due to Us or our heirs with their ships whenever they shall have it in command from us or our heirs. In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent. Witness myself at Saint Albans the 28 day of April in the 26th year of our reign.” [1298].

We therefore, holding as ratified and gratified the aforesaid grant, have granted and confirmed it, for us and our heirs, as the aforesaid letters reasonably testify; but because heretofore various dissensions have arisen over the general words aforesaid contained in the aforesaid letters, to wit, that each one of them shall subscribe according to their power, We, in order that the Barons of the aforesaid Ports may be the better able to perform the aforesaid

* Edward I.

cessimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris eisdem Baronibus quinque portuum quod omnes illi de portubus illis et alii quicumque advocantes se de libertate eorundem et inde gaudere volentes contribuant ad navigium et servicium predicta manutenend' et faciend' de omnibus bonis et catallis suis tam extra libertatem quinque portuum predictorum quam infra existentibus, et ad hoc per majores et juratos portuum predictorum et eciam per Constabularium Castri nostri Dovorre si necesse fuerit debite compellantur, et quod bona et catalla dictorum Baronum et aliorum, sive extra dictam libertatem fuerint, sive infra que pro navigio et servicio predictis manutenend' et faciend' taxantur ad tallagia, seu alia onera quecumque cum bonis et catallis ho [minum] forinsecorum nullatenus taxentur.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quinto die februarii anno regni nostri primo.

Nos autem cartam nostram predictam sub sigillo quo nunc utimur ad requisicionem ipsorum Baronum duximus exemplificandam.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Ebor' vicesimo sexto die februarii anno regni nostri secundo.

Service to us and our heirs at opportune times, by the advice of our Prelates, Earls and Barons, and the Commons of our kingdom in our present Parliament assembled, have granted for us and our heirs to the said Barons of the Cinque Ports that all they of those Ports, and whatsoever others avowing themselves to be of the Liberty of the same, and willing on that account to enjoy them, shall subscribe to the maintaining and performing the Navy and Service aforesaid from all their goods and chattels being as well within the Liberties of the Cinque Ports aforesaid as without, and may be duly compelled thereto by the Mayors and Jurats of the Ports aforesaid, and also by the Constable of our Castle of Dover if need be, and that the goods and chattels of the said Barons and others, whether they shall be within the said Liberty or without, which shall be taxed by taxes or any other burdens whatsoever for maintaining and performing the aforesaid Navy and Service, shall in no wise be taxed with the goods and chattels of foreign men. In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made. Witness myself, at Westminster, the 25 day of February in the first year of our reign [1327].

We, however, at the request of the Barons themselves, have caused a copy to be issued of our charter aforesaid under the seal which we are now using.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at York, the 26 day of February in the second year of our reign.

XX.

xxij Aprilis, 12 Edw. III.

[E]DWARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie et Dux Aquitanie, Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, Vicecomitibus, Prepositis, Ministris, et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis—Salutem. Inspeximus cartam celebris memorie domini H. quondam regis Anglie proavi nostri in hec verba.

Henricus dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, Dux Normannie et Aquitanie, Comes Andegavie; Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, Abbatibus, Prioribus, Comitibus, Baronibus, Justiciariis, forestariis, vicecomitibus, Prepositis, ministris et omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis—Salutem. Sciatis nos, intuitu dei et pro salute anime nostre et animarum antecessorum et heredum nostrorum, concessisse et, hac carta nostra, confirmasse, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, magistro hospitalis domus dei de Dovera et fratribus ejusdem hospitalis, quod ipsi et homines sui et terre et tenementa sua quieti sint imperpetuum de sectis shirarum hundredorum lestorum et lagedeiorum, et de auxiliis vicecomitum et ballivorum suorum, et visu francorum plegiorum, et guardis et operacionibus et clausuris castrorum parcorum et poncium, et passagio pontagio stallagio tallagio [1]estagio paagio et wrecco maris. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti magister et fratres et eorum successores et homines sui et terre et tenementa sua quieti inperpetuum de omnibus predictis predictis [sic], sicut predictum est.

Hiis testibus, J. Bathon, R. Dunholm, et W. Karl, Episcopis; H. de Burgo, Comite Kancie, Justiciario Anglie; Stephano de Segrave; Hugone Dispensario; Nicholao de molis; Radulpho de Ralege; et aliis. Datum per manum Venerabilis Patris R. Cicestr Episcopi Cancellarii nostri apud Westm. septimo decimo die ffebruarii anno regni nostri tercio decimo.

Nos autem concessionem et confirmationem predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilectis nobis in Christo nunc magistro et fratribus loci predicti et eorum successoribus concedimus

XX.

22 April 1338.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Justiciars, Sheriffs, *Prepositi*, Ministers, and all his Bailiffs and Lieges—Greeting.

We have inspected the Charter of the Lord Henry of renowned memory, formerly King of England, our great-grandfather, in these words, "Henry," etc. [*Here follows No. II. in its entirety.*]

We therefore, holding the aforesaid grant and confirmation ratified and established, do grant and confirm them for us and our heirs, so far as in us lies, to our beloved in Christ the present Master and Brethren of the aforesaid place and their successors, as the aforesaid charter reason-

et confirmamus sicut carta predicta rationabiliter testatur, et prout iidem magister et fratres et predecessores sui libertatibus et quietanciis predictis pro se et hominibus suis predictis hactenus rationabiliter usi sunt et gavis.

Hiis testibus, Venerabilibus patribus J. Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, tocius Anglie Primate; R. Dunolmense episcopo; R. Cicestrense episcopo, Cancellario nostro; Johanne de Warennā, Comite Surre; Thoma de Bello Campo Warrici; Willelmo de Clyntone Huntingdonio, Comitibus; Henrico de Ferrariis; Roberto de Insula; Johanne Darcy, senescallo hospicii nostri; et aliis.

Data per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo secundo die Aprilis anno regni nostri duodecimo.

ably affirms, and to the same extent as the said Master and Brethren and their predecessors have hitherto reasonably used and enjoyed the aforesaid liberties and quittances for themselves and their men.

Witnesses,* J., Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England ; R., Bishop of Durham ; R., Bishop of Chichester, our Chancellor ; John de Warenne, Earl of Surrey ; the Earls Thomas de Beauchamp of Warwick, William de Clynton of Huntingdon ; Henry de Ferrers ; Robert de Lisle ; John Darcy, Seneschal of our Household ; and others.

Given by our hand, at Westminster, the twenty-second day of April, in the twelfth year of our reign.

* *John de Stratford, Richard de Angarville, and Robert Stratford.*

XXI.

xxvj Aprilis, 16 Edw. III.

WILLELMUS GIBBE, junior, et Margareta, uxor ejus, querentes, opponunt se versus Johannem Kenp, et Aliciam, uxorem ejus, quod teneant eis convencionem de duobus solidis sex denariis et una gallina redditus percipiend' annuatim de una fforgia quam Willelmus de Kinartone, faber, tenet infra libertatem ville Dovorre in Canonewarde. Predicti Johannes et Alicia summoniti veniunt, et, per licenciam, concordati sunt sub hac forma.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domini Regis tenta in villa Dovorra die veneris proxima post festum Sancti Marci Evangeliste anno regni Regis Edwardi, tercii Anglie post conquestum, sexto decimo: coram Johanne Monyn, tunc Majore Dovorre; Alexandro Hurty, tunc Ballivo; necnon Juratis et aliis domini Regis fidelibus ejusdem ville tunc congregatis; inter Willelmum Gibbe juniorem et Margaretam uxorem ejus ex una parte querentes, et Johannem Kenp et Aliciam uxorem ejus ex altera parte deforciantes, de duobus solidis sex denariis et una gallina liberi et perpetui redditus percipiend' annuatim de una fforgia quam Willelmus de Kinartone faber tenet infra libertatem ville Dovorre in Canonewarde: unde placitum convencionis summonitum fuit inter eosdem in dicta Curia, videlicet, quod predicti Johannes et Alicia recognoverunt totum predictum redditum esse jus ipsorum Willelmi et Margarete tenend' et habend' eisdem Willelmo et Margarete et eorum heredibus et assignatis jure hereditario inperpetuum: et predicti concesserunt pro se et heredibus suis quod ipsi warantizabunt totum predictum redditum predictis Willelmo et Margarete et eorum heredibus et assignatis contra omnes gentes inperpetuum.

XXI.

26 April 1342.

WILLIAM GIBBE, junior, and Margaret, his wife, complainants, claim from John Kenp, and Alice, his wife, that they should fulfil their agreements with them for 2s. 6d. and 1 hen for a rent, to be received annually, from a forge which William of Kenartone, smith, holds within the Liberty of the town of Dover in Canon Ward. The aforesaid John and Alice being summoned, appear, and by licence were agreed as follows :—

This is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lord King held in Dover on the Friday next after the Feast of S. Mark the Evangelist in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the third of England after the Conquest : before John Monin, then Mayor of Dover ; Alexander Hurtin, then Bailiff ; also the Jurats and others of the Lord King's lieges of the same town there assembled ; between William Gibbe, junior, and Margaret, his wife, on the one part, complainants, and John Kenp, and Alice, his wife, on the other part, deforciant, for two shillings and sixpence and one hen of free and perpetual rent payable annually for a forge which William of Kenartone, smith, holds within the Liberty of the town of Dover in Canon Ward : on which behalf a plea for breach of covenant was summoned between them in the said Court, viz. : That the aforesaid John and Alice confess the whole of the aforesaid rent to be the right of the said William and Margaret, to have and to hold to the said William and Margaret, their heirs and assigns in hereditary right for ever : and the aforesaid grant for themselves and their heirs that they will warrant the whole of the aforesaid rent to the aforesaid William and Margaret their heirs and assigns against all men for ever.

XXII.

xxvj Aprilis, 16 Edw. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Kenp, et Alicia uxor mea, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Willelmo Gibbe de Dovorra, juniore, et Margarete uxori ejus, duos solidos sex denarios et unam gallinam liberi et perpetui annualis redditus provenientis annuatim de quadam fforgia, quam Willelmus de Kinartone, faber, Dovorre, tenet, infra libertatem ville predictæ in Canonewarde, que quidem fforgia capit ad terram Willelmi Hortyn versus northeast, et ad Regiam stratam versus suthwest, laterand' ad Regiam stratam versus sutheast, et ad Cimiterium Ecclesie beati Petri de Dovorra versus north west : habend' et tenend' predictos duos solidos sex denarios et unam gallinam liberi et perpetui annualis redditus predictis Willelmo et Margarete, et heredibus ejusdem Willelmi et assignatis, libere quiete bene et in pace jure hereditario inperpetuum : et nos predicti Johannes et Alicia et heredes nostri warantizabimus predictos duos solidos sex denarios et unam gallinam liberi et perpetui annualis redditus predictis Willelmo et Margarete, et heredibus ejusdem Willelmi et assignatis, contra omnes gentes inperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigilla nostra sunt appensa die [veneris] proxima post * festum Sancti Marci Evangelisti anno regni Regis Edwardi, tercii Anglie post conquestum, sexto decimo, regni vero sui ffrancie [tercio].

Hiis testibus, Johanne Monyn, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Alexandro Hortyn, tunc Ballivo ejusdem ville ; Willelmo Hortyn ; Johanne Salkyn ; Johanne Joseph ; Willelmo Archer ; Nicholao Hortyn ; Nicholao atte Halle ; Thoma Spisour ; Nicholao Armentier ; Stephano Clerico ; et aliis.

* S. Mark's Day in 1342 fell on a Thursday.

XXII.

26 April 1342.

KNOW all present and future that we, John Kenp, and Alice, my wife, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, confirmed to William Gibbe of Dover, junior, and Margaret, his wife, 2 shillings and 6 pence and one hen of free and perpetual annual rent, arising annually from a certain forge which William of Kenartone, smith, of Dover, holds within the Liberty of the town aforesaid in Canon Ward, which forge abuts on the land of William Hortin towards the north-east, and on the King's highway to the south-west, bordering the King's highway on the south-west, and the Cemetery of the Church of the Blessed Peter of Dover towards the north-west: to have and to hold the aforesaid 2 shillings and 6 pence and one hen of free and perpetual annual rent to the aforesaid William and Margaret, and the heirs of the said William and his assigns, freely, quietly, well and peacefully in hereditary right for ever: And we, the aforesaid John and Alice and our heirs, will warrant the aforesaid 2 shillings and 6 pence and one hen of free and perpetual annual rent to the aforesaid William and Margaret, and the heirs of the said William and his assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof our seals are set to this present charter on the Friday next after the Feast of S. Mark the Evangelist in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the third of England after the Conquest, and of his reign in France the third.

Witnesses, John Monin, then Mayor of Dover; Alexander Hortin, then Bailiff of the said Town; William Hortin; John Salkin; John Joseph; William Archer; Nicholas Hortin; Nicholas Hall; Thomas Spisour; Nicholas Armentier; Stephen the Clerk; and others.

Two seals remain, in red wax, one has an eight-pointed star, the other the rough figure of a ship.

XXIII.

xxiiij Marcii 17 Edw. III.

[E]DWARDUS, dei gracia Rex Anglie, Dominus Hibernie, et Dux Aquitanie; Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint — Salutem. Inspeximus quoddam scriptum indentatum, Sigillo Communitatis portus nostri Dovorre, et sigillis dilecti et fidelis nostri Edmundi, Comitis Kancie, fratris nostri carissimi, nuper Constabularii Castri nostri Dovorre, et Custodis quinque portuum nostrorum, et quorundam Burgensium et Combaronum nostrorum portus predicti, consignatum, in hec verba—

Noverint universi quod cum contenciones et controversie mote fuissent inter Gullielmum Virgile, Ricardum Archyer, Willelmum Hurtyu et alios, de Societate vocata FERSCHIP, habentes naves vocatas PASSAGERS in villa Dovorre ex parte una, et Johannem atte See, Thomam Reade, Willelmum Russel et alios Combarones sequentes pro Communitate ville predictae ex altera [parte] super proficuo passagii inter Dovorram et Wytsand capiend'; Tandem amicis intervenientibus in hunc modum quieverunt, videlicet, quod predicti Willelmus, Ricardus, Willelmus, pro se et Societate sua, et omnibus naves passagiarias habentibus, vel in futurum habituris, concedunt spontanea voluntate in auxilium Communitatis predictae dare et contribuere de quolibet fretto cujuslibet navis frettate cum equis de Dovorra usque Wytsand duos solidos, et de quolibet passagiaro frettato cum peditibus duodecim denarios, percipiend' per duos homines vel tres ad hoc electos de navibus et batellis predictis priusquam litore recedant, et in quadam communica cista per majorem et juratos ejusdem ville, qui pro tempore fuerint, deponantur. Et pro ista concessione predicti Johannes, Thomas, et Willelmus, pro simul simul [sic] cum tota Communitate predicta concederunt quod predicti Willelmus, Ricardus, et Willelmus, et socii de Societate predicta naves passagiarias habentes, et imposterum abiles ad passagium faciend' habituri, per se et suos passagio predicto cum omnibus proficuis inde provenientibus libere ut predictum est sine omni calumpnia Communitatis predictae uti possint et gaudere imperpetuum. In

XXIII.

24 March 1343.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine, to all to whom these present letters may come—Greeting. We have inspected a certain indented deed signed with the Seal of the Commonalty of our Port of Dover, and with the seals of our faithful and beloved Edmund, Earl of Kent, our dearest brother, lately Constable of our Castle of Dover and Warden of the Cinque Ports, and of certain Burgesses and Combarons of our Port aforesaid, in these words—

Know all men that since contentions and controversies have been moved between William Virgile, Richard Archyer, William Hurtyr and others of the Society called FERSCHIP, possessing ships called "PASSAGERS" in the town of Dover on the one part, and John atte Sea, Thomas Reade, William Russel, and other Combarons following for the Commonalty of the town aforesaid on the other part, over taking the profit of the Passage between Dover and Wytsand; at last, friends intervening, they settled the matter in this manner—viz., That the aforesaid William, Richard, William, for themselves and their Society, and all having, or in future likely to have, passenger boats, agree of their own free will to give and subscribe in aid of the Community aforesaid two shillings for every freight of every ship freighted with horses from Dover to Wytsand, and twelve pence for every Passenger freighted with foot passengers, to be collected by two or three men, elected for this purpose, from the ships and boats aforesaid before they leave the shore, and placed in a certain Common Chest by the Mayor and Jurats of the said town for the time being. And for that concession the aforesaid John, Thomas, and William promise for all, and altogether with the whole Community, that the aforesaid William, Richard, and William, and the members of the Society aforesaid possessing passenger ships, and likely in the future to possess ships fit for passengers, may use and for ever enjoy for them and theirs the Passage aforesaid, with all profits arising therefrom freely as is aforesaid, without any hindrance of the Community aforesaid. In

cujus rei testimonium hiis indenturis sigillum commune una cum sigillis predictorum Willelmi, Ricardi, Willelmi, Johannis, Thome, et Willelmi Russel, alternatim est appensum. Et ut imposterum omnia premissa firmitus roborentur excellentissimus comes dominus Edmundus filius illustris regis Anglie, et Custos quinque portuum, predicta scripta sigilli sui impressione roboravit.

*Data Dovorra vicesimo tercio die Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, * décimo septimo.*

Nos considerantes quod inter homines habentes naves passagiaras in eodem portu, et ceteros homines Communitatis predictæ super proficuo passagii predicti, diverse dissensiones et discordie ante hec tempora fuerunt suborte ex quibus in eodem portu dampna plurima evenerunt, volentesque malis hujusmodi pro futuris temporibus obviare et tranquillitati et quieti omnium et singulorum portus predicti providere, omnia et singula premissa in dicto scripto contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, concedimus et confirmamus cum adjeccione infra scripta, videlicet, quod omnes et singuli de portu predicto qui naves seu batellos hujusmodi passagiaros habere poterint et voluerint, eos habeant, et contribuciones faciant supradictas, et quod pecunia de contribucionibus illis perveniens in quadam communi cista in ecclesia Sancti Martini, Dovorre, sub custodia duorum vel trium proborum et legalium hominum portus predicti hujusmodi naves et batellos passagiaros habencium per homines naves et batellos hujusmodi habentes eligend' et sub sigillis aliorum duorum vel trium proborum et legalium hominum de residuo Communitatis predictæ pro eis ad hoc similiter eligend' deponatur custodiend' in auxilium servicii nobis et heredibus nostris de portu predicto debiti faciend' et pro aliis necessitatibus ejusdem portus cum occurrerint melius supportand'.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me, ipso apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo quarto die Marcii anno regni nostri decimo septimo.

* 1323.

witness whereof the Common Seal, together with the seals of the aforesaid William, Richard, William, John, Thomas, and William Russel, is alternately affixed to these indentures. And that in future all the premisses may be more firmly confirmed, the most excellent Earl Lord Edmund, son of the illustrious King of England and Warden of the Cinque Ports, confirmed the aforesaid writings with the impression of his seal.

*Given at Dover the *twenty-third day of October in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward.*

We, considering that various dissensions and discords have hitherto arisen between the men possessing passenger ships in the said port, and the other men of the Community aforesaid, over the profits of the Passage aforesaid, by reason of which very many losses have occurred in the said port, and being willing to obviate in future evils of this kind, and to provide for the tranquillity and quiet of all and singular of the port aforesaid, holding ratified and gratified all and singular of the premisses contained in the writing aforesaid ; We, for us and our heirs, as far as we are able, do grant and confirm them with the addition written below—viz., That all and singular of the port aforesaid, who shall be able and shall wish to possess Passagers, may possess them and make the aforesaid contributions ; and that the money arising from those contributions shall be deposited in a certain Common Chest in the Church of Saint Martin of Dover, under the custody of two or three honest and legal men of the port aforesaid, owners of passenger ships and boats of this kind, to be elected by owners of ships and boats of this kind, and under the seals of other two or three honest and legal men from the rest of the Community aforesaid, elected for them in a similar manner for this purpose : to be reserved in aid of the performing the service due to us and our heirs by the port aforesaid, and for the better supporting other necessities of the same port when they shall arise.

In witness whereof we have caused to be made these our letters patent.

Witness myself, at Westminster, the twenty-fourth day of March in the seventeenth year of our reign.

XXIV.

xx Decembris 29 Edw. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Ricardus Smythe, et Johanna Martin, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Adame Smyth, de parochia de Lose, unam peciam terre nostre jacentem in parochia predicta, versus east et suth ad terras dicti Adame, versus north ad terras Radulphi Hunte, versu[s] west ad regiam viam, sicut mete et bunde dividunt et demonstrant : habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum arboribus dessuperstantibus et aliis pertinenciis suis * predictuo Adame, heredibus et assignatis suis, bene in pace jure hereditario inperpetuum de domino feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta : et nos predicti Ricardus et Johanna et heredes nostri warantizabimus predictam peciam terre cum pertinenciis suis predictuo Adame, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes inperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic carte presenti sigilla nostra sunt appensa.

Data apud Lose in vigila Sancti Thome Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi, tercii post conquestum, vicesimo nono.

Hiis testibus, Johanne ate Welle ; Thoma Smyth ; Radulpho Hunte ; Willelmo ate Welde ; Willelmo Bonehelde ; et aliis.

XXIV.

20 December 1355.

Know all present and future that we, Richard Smith, and Johanna Martin, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Adam Smith, of the parish of Loose, one plot of our land lying in the aforesaid parish, towards the east and south next the lands of the aforesaid Adam, towards the north next the lands of Ralph Hunte, towards the west next the King's highway, as the metes and bounds mark and show: to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land, with the trees standing thereon and its other appurtenances, to the aforesaid Adam, his heirs and assigns, well, peacefully and in hereditary right in perpetuity, from the lord of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed: and we, the aforesaid Richard and Johanna and our heirs, will warrant the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Adam, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In testimony whereof we have set our seals to this present charter.

Given at Loose on the vigil of St Thomas the Apostle in the twenty-ninth year of the reign of King Edward, the third after the Conquest.

Witnesses, John at Well; Thomas Smith; Ralph Hunt; William at Weld; William Boneheld; and others.

XXV.

xxiiij Februarii 32 Edw. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Thomas atte See, et Symon atte Halle, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Symoni Gyllyng, et Agneti uxori ejus, tres acras et dimidiam acram terre nostre cum pertinenciis jacentes in villa de East Suttone et Hedecrone, in loco vocato atte Gren[? v]ette, quam vero terram habuimus de dono Thome de Kyngesnode de villa de Suttone Valence, sicut mete et bunde dividunt et demonstrant: habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum pertinenciis dictis Symoni et Agneti uxori ejus, et heredibus et assignatis dicti Symonis, de domino feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta, bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum: et nos dicti Thomas et Symon et heredes nostri predictam terram cum pertinenciis dictis Symoni et Agneti uxori ejus, et heredibus et assignatis dicti Symonis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic carte presenti sigilla nostra apposuimus die Sabbati in festo Sancti Mathie Apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi, tercii post conquestum, tricesimo secundo.

Hiis testibus, Ricardo de Lomherst; William atte See; Johanne Boycote; Waltero Parys; Willelmo Bysschop; Thoma Ranekyn; Thoma Haytherst; Johanne Rogger; et aliis.

XXV.

24 Februarii 1358.

KNOW all present and future that we, Thomas at See and Simon at Hall, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Simon Gilling, and Agnes, his wife, three and a half acres of our land with their appurtenances lying in the town of East Sutton and Headcorn, in a place called at Grenette, which land we had by the gift of Thomas de Kingesnode of the town of Sutton Valence, as the metes and bounds mark and show: to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the said Simon and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Simon, from the lord of that fee by the services thence due and accustomed, well, peacefully and in hereditary right for ever: and we, the said Thomas and Simon and our heirs, will warrant against all men the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the said Simon and Agnes, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Simon for ever.

In testimony whereof we have set our seals to this present charter on Saturday the feast of S. Matthias the Apostle in the thirty-second year of the reign of King Edward, the third after the Conquest.

Witnesses, Richard de Lomherst; William at See; John Boycot; Walter Paris; William Bishop; Thomas Rankin; Thomas Haytherst; John Roger; and others.

XXVI.

xiiij Aprilis 32 Edw. III.

CURIA tenta ibidem coram domino Rogero de Mortuo Mari, Comite Marchie, Constabulario Castri *Shipweye*. Dovorre, et Custode Quinque Portuum, die Sabbati quarto decimo die Aprilis anno xxxij, etc.

Preceptum fuit Majoribus, Ballivis et Baronibus de Wynchelse, Rye, Romene, Hethe, Dovorre, et Sandwici, quod venire faciant hic singillatim de quolibet portuum predictorum xij probos et legales homines de juratis ipsorum essend' hic coram dicto Custode una cum dictis Majoribus et Ballivis ad recipiend' et faciend' ea que ex parte domini Regis secundum consuetudinem Curie predictae eiis fuerint injungend'. Preceptum etiam fuit Majoribus et Ballivis de Hastings, Pevense, ffolkstane, ffordwici, et fflaveresham, quod venire fecerint hic coram eorum Custode singillatim de quolibet dictorum portuum vj probos et legales homines in forma predicta. Qui omnes Majores et Ballivi et Barones veniunt, et retornant mandata sua, et venire fecerunt Barones portuum predictorum in forma qua subsequitur, preter Ballivos et Barones de Pevense qui mandata sua omnino non retornant prout habuerunt in mandatis: ad quod Ricardus Thurbarn, Ballivus capitalis Portus de Hastings, dicit quod Portus de Pevense est membrum Portus de Hastings, et quod ipsi de Pevense non tenentur ad shipweyam venire nisi cum Portu de Hastings, unde petit Ballivum et Barones de Pevense predictos de eo quod non retornare mandata predicta, fore exoneratos et excusatos. Cui dictum est, quod per diversa recorda est compertum quod Barones de Pevense ad dictam Curiam veniebant temporibus retroactis tam tempore quo dominus Bartholomeus de Burghersshe Custos dictorum portuum fuerat, quam temporibus aliorum Custodum, sicut et portus de fflaveresham

XXVI.

14 April 1358.

AT a court held there before Lord Roger Mortimer,
Earl of March, Constable of Dover Castle,
Shipweie. and Warden of the Cinque Ports, on
Saturday the fourteenth day of April in the
thirty-second year, etc. . . .

It was ordered to the Mayors, Bailiffs and Barons of Winchelsea, Rye, Romney, Hythe, Dover, and Sandwich, that they severally cause to come here from each of the aforesaid ports twelve good and legal men from among their Jurats, to be here before the said Warden, together with the said Mayors and Bailiffs, for receiving and performing those things which, according to the custom of the Court aforesaid, shall be enjoined on them on the behalf of the Lord King. It was also ordered to the Mayors and Bailiffs of Hastings, Pevensey, Folkstone, Fordwich, and Faversham, that they should severally cause to come here before their Warden from each of the said ports six good and legal men in form aforesaid. All which Mayors and Bailiffs and Barons come and return their mandates, and caused to come the Barons of the ports aforesaid in the form following, except the Bailiff and Barons of Pevensey, who entirely neglect to return their mandate as they had it in command: Whereon Richard Thurbarn, Bailiff of the Head Port of Hastings, says that the Port of Pevensey is a Limb of the Port of Hastings, and that they of Pevensey are not bound to come to shipway except with the Port of Hastings, wherefore he seeks that the Bailiff and Barons of Pevensey aforesaid should be exonerated and excused for not returning the mandates aforesaid. To whom it was answered that by various records it was found that the Barons of Pevensey were accustomed to come to the said Court in times past, as well during the time when Lord Bartholomew de Burghersh was Warden of the said ports, as in the time of other

qui est membrum Dovorre, et quamplures alii
Misericordia. portus qui sunt membra aliorum capitalium
 portuum et mandata sua [tanquam] membra
 dictorum portuum retornare solent. Et quia modo non
 retornant prout deberent et consueverunt. Ideo ipsi in
 misericordia, etc.

De Hastings	.	{ Ricardus Thurbarn, Ballivus, Johannes Reade, Philippus Alard, Johannes Lambehe.
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De Wynchelse	.	{ Robertus Arnold, Major, Vincencius ffinche, Ballivus, Robertus Loundeneys, Robertus Wykham, Johannes Dyges, Sampson Sneppe, Willelmus Colhoppe, Johannes Peytevyn.
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De Rya	.	{ Paulus de Portesmouth, Major, Vincentius ffinche, Ballivus, Henricus Goldyne, Johannes Marchant, Johannes Lade.
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De Romene	.	{ Johannes ffranceys, Ballivus, Hugo Colbronde, Willelmus Holinbroke, Johannes Tite, junior, Johannes Bret, Jacobus Colbronde, Rogerus Coupere.
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Wardens, just as the Port of Faversham, which is a limb of Dover, and several other ports which are limbs of other head ports, are wont to return their mandates as limbs of the said ports; and because now they do not make *Fined.* a return as they ought and were accustomed to do. Therefore they at the mercy, etc.

From Hastings . { Richard Thurbarn, Bailiff,
John Reade,
Philip Alard,
John Lambeth.

From Winchelsea . { Robert Arnold, Mayor,
Vincent Finch, Bailiff,
Robert Loundenis,
Robert Wykham,
John Diges,
Sampson Sneppe,
William Colhoppe,
John Peitevin.

From Rye . . { Paul of Portsmouth, Mayor,
Vincent Finch, Bailiff,
Henry Goldine,
John Marchant,
John Lade.

From Romney . { John Francis, Bailiff,
Hugh Colbronde,
William Holinbroke,
John Tite, junior,
John Bret,
James Colbronde,
Roger Cowper.

De Hethe	.	.	{	Willelmus Hampton, Ballivus, Johannes Stace, Robertus ffincelot, Johannes Hughelin, Johannes Hikson, Willelmus Drake, Willelmus Batswayn.
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De ffolkstane	.	.	{	Ricardus Lyghtfot, Major, Johannes Waltone, Ballivus, Willelmus Carpenter, Willelmus Turgys, Willelmus Perkyn, Radulphus atte Broke.
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De Dovorra	.	.	{	Petrus Reade, Major, Robertus Caustone, Ballivus, Nicholas atte Halle, Thomas Monyn, Willelmus de Denne, Simon Monyn, Nicholaus ffevre, Johannes Giroid.
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De Sandwici	.	.	{	Nicholaus Espeloom, Major, Johannes de Haddone, Ballivus, Stephanus Eppeloun, Willelmus Cundi, Thomas Elys, Thomas Loverik, Robertus fflemuk, Ricardus Oxstede.
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From Hythe . { William Hampton, Bailiff,
John Stace,
Robert Fincelot,
John Hughlin,
John Hikson,
William Drake,
William Batswain.

From Folkestone . { Richard Lightfoot, Mayor,
John Walton, Bailiff,
William Carpenter,
William Turgis,
William Perkin,
Ralph atte Broke.

From Dover . { Peter Reade, Mayor,
Robert Caustone, Bailiff,
Nicholas at Hall,
Thomas Monin,
William de Denne,
Simon Monin,
Nicholas Fevre,
John Giroid.

From Sandwich . { Nicholas Espeloom, Mayor,
John de Haddon, Bailiff,
Stephen Eppeloun,
William Cundi,
Thomas Elys,
Thomas Loverik,
Robert Flemuk,
Richard Oxstede.

De ffaveresham	{ Johannes de Brokedale, Major, Johannes Hanfeld, Ballivus, Johannes Drailonde, Johannes Geddes, Johannes Hegham, Thomas Goldsmyth, Nicholaus Dayth, Johannes Holmanstone.
De ffordwico	{ Nicholaus Catour, attornatus Johannis Parker Majoris per litteramque testatur quod idem Johannes est æger et nequid laborare, Ricardus de Oxendenne, Ballivus, Galfridus Gerold, Johannes Bakere.

Et quia omnes Majores, Ballivi et Barones, quibus preceptum fuit per mandata eorum Custodis venire facere hic coram ipso de quolibet portuum predictorum singillatim xij probos et legales homines de Balliva sua ad exequend' et recipiend' ea que Curie de Shipweye pertinuerint, venire fecerunt nisi vi homines singillatim de quolibet portuum predictorum, et portus de Rya nisi tres, alii vero dictorum portuum quibus preceptum fuit venire facere hic vi probos et legales homines de quolibet portuum suorum singillatim, minus sufficienter retornâre nec tantos probos et legales homines venire fecerunt quantos mandata sua eiis inde directa exigebant, ut patet per retorna sua superius annotata, Portu vero de ffaveresham dum tamen excepto. Ita quod ob causam minime execucionis

et insufficientis retorni mandatorum predictorum negocia domini regis, et alia dictam Curiam tangentia, infecta et inexpedita remanent. Ideo consideratum est quod omnes Majores, Ballivi et Barones predicti quibus mandatum erat pro insufficienti

From Faversham .	{	John de Brokedale, Mayor, John Hanfeld, Bailiff, John Drailonde, John Geddes, John Hegham, Thomas Goldsmith, Nicholas Dayth, John Holmanstone.
From Fordwich .	{	Nicholas Catour, the attorney of John Parker, Mayor, <i>by letter, which testifies that the said John is sick and could not work,</i> Richard de Oxendenne, Bailiff, Geoffrey Gerold, John Baker.

And since all the Mayors, Bailiffs and Barons, to whom it was ordered by the mandates of their Warden to cause to come here before him from each of the said Ports severally, twelve good and legal men from their Bailiewick, to carry out and receive those things which appertain to the Court of Shipway, caused to come only six men severally from each of the Ports aforesaid, and the Port of Rye only three; the other of the said Ports, indeed, to whom it was ordered to cause to come here six good and legal men from each of their Ports severally, insufficiently made return, nor caused to come as many good and legal men as were demanded by the mandate issued to them on that behalf, as is evident by their returns above noted, the Port of Faversham nevertheless excepted. So that on account of the smallness of the execution and of the insufficient return of the aforesaid mandates, the business of the Lord King, and other matters concerning the said Court, remain unfinished and unforwarded.

Fined. It is therefore decreed that all the Mayors, Bailiffs and Barons aforesaid, who had been commanded, for

retorno predicto, excepto Majore et Ballivo de ffaveresham, sunt in misericordia, etc.

Preceptum fuit et mandatum Majori et Ballivo de ffaveresham sicut alias, etc., quod haberent hic coram dicto Custode recordum et processum cujusdam assise in villa predicta coram eiis inter Henricum Wymond et Willelmum Tydelomb nuper capte. Unde dominus Custos certis de causis vult certiorari et informari. Qui sic retornarunt, quo ad venire facias coram nobis recordum et processum cujusdam assise inferius contente, Major tunc temporis quo illa assisa capta fuit, mortuus est, videlicet Adam de Brede, et rotuli de dictis processu et recordo remanent penes executores ipsius Ade qui non sunt de libertate ville inferius nominate. Et ideo quoad presens non valemus de hujusmodi recordo et processu vobis certificare. Et quia videtur Curie quod omnia recorda et processus omnium placitorum tentorum infra libertatem portus sui predicti remanere deberent in custodia Majoris qui pro tempore fuerit

Misericordia. cujus contrarium pro eorum retorno supponitur. Ideo ipsi Major et Ballivus quia mandatum suum non sunt executi in misericordia, etc. Et preceptum est—sicut pluries contra proximam Shipweyam.

Inquisicio capta, etc., per Johannem Reade, Philippum Alarde de Hastings, Robertum Loundeneys, Johannem Diges, Sampsonem Sneppe, Robertum de Wykham de Wynchelse, et sic de aliis portubus, etc., super diversis articulis, etc. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod quantum ad *thesaurum inventum nullum sciunt; quantum ad falsum indictum nullum est; quantum ad prodicionem factam contra dominum regem nullum sciunt; quantum ad falsam monetam et falsatores ejusdem nichil sciunt; quantum ad *Inquisicio ex officio.* servicium domini Regis subtractum nullum est subtractum; Et quantum ad alios articulos dicunt quod non tenentur nec solent ad illos respondere ad Curiam istam.

* In the MSS., 'thes'.

the insufficient return aforesaid, except the Mayor and Bailiff of Faversham, are at the mercy, etc.

It was ordered and commanded to the Mayor and Bailiff of Faversham, as formerly, etc.: That they should have here before the said Warden the record and process of a certain Assize recently held in the town aforesaid before them between Henry Wimond and William Tydelomb, whereof the Lord Warden desires to be certified and informed of certain cases: Who thus return, with respect to the "you cause to come before us a record and process of a certain Assize contained below," the Mayor at the time the Assize was held is dead, viz., Adam de Brede, and the rolls of the said process and record remain in the hands of the executors of the said Adam, who are not of the Liberty of the Town below mentioned, and therefore up till now we are not able to certify to you concerning this record and process. And because the Court thinks that all records and processes of all pleas held within the Liberty of its own Port aforesaid ought to remain in the custody of the Mayor for the time being, the contrary of which is alleged by their *Fined.* return. Therefore, the said Mayor and Bailiffs, because they have not executed their mandate are at the mercy, etc., and it is ordered as many times against the next Shipway.

Inquisition held, etc., by John Reade, Philip Alard of Hastings, Robert Loundenis, John Diges, Sampson Sneppe, Robert de Wykham of Winchelsea, and so for the other Ports, etc., upon divers articles, etc. Who say upon their oath, that as to the treasure trove they know nothing, as to the false indictment there is none, as to the treason committed against the Lord King they know of none, as to the false money and coiners of the same they know *Inquest ex* nothing, as to the service of the Lord King with-
officio. held none was withheld, and as to the other articles they say they are not bound nor accustomed to answer to them at that Court.

Johannes Girolde de Dovorra attachiatus ad respondend' domino Custodi de contemptu de eo quod arestavit quamdam navem Ricardi Archier de Dovorra
Girolde in villa de Caleyis vocatam Le Lancastre pro
preceptum est. certo contracto in Portu Dovorra facto contra libertatem quinque portuum [et] in contemptu Custodis dictorum portuum unde dictus Johannes tenetur dicto Custodi in x li. et hoc testatum est hic per Nicholaum Eppeloun, Majorem de Sandwico, Vincencium finche, Ballivum de Wynchelse, et per quamplures quod si per dictum Johannem taliter perpetratum fuerit quod in tali casu custodi quinque portuum x li. solvere tenetur. Et super hoc quesitus est siquid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare dictos x li. custodi solvere non debeat. Qui venit et dicit quod nullam navem arestavit apud Caleyis prout superius supponitur. Et hoc paratus est verificare qualitercumque Curia consideraverit, etc. Ideo datus est ei dies ad Ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii martiris proximum futurum. Et preceptum est Majori et Ballivo Dovorre quod venire faciant contra illum diem xij, etc., qui nec, etc.

Johannes Archier, querens, opponit se versus Nicholaum atte Halle, nuper Majorem portus Dovorre, et complices ejusdem Nicholai tunc juratos dicte ville, prout patet per quamdam billam ipsius Johannis de falso judicio per ipsos in portu predicto contra dictum Johannem nuper reddito, in grave contemptum domini Regis, et dampnum ipsius Johannis centum librarum, etc.
Preceptum est. Et predictus Nicholaus et alii veniunt et defendunt, etc., et dicunt quod nullum falsum judicium prout dictus Johannes asserit per ipsos* exstitit redditum. Et hoc petunt quod verificetur qualitercumque Curia consideraverit: Ideo preceptum est Majori et Ballivo Dovorre quod habeant recordum et processum dicti judicii cum omnibus ea tangentibus sub sigillis eorum, et sigillis quatuor
Recordum. legalium hominum qui recordo illi interfuerunt, ad proximam Shipweyam ut habita inde inspexione

John Giroid, of Dover, was attached to answer to the Lord Warden for contempt, in that he arrested a certain ship of Richard Archer, of Dover, in the town of Calais, called *The Lancaster* for a certain contract made in the Port

of Dover, against the Liberty of the Cinque Ports and in contempt of the Warden of the said ports, wherefore the said John is bound to

Giroid was ordered. the said Warden in £10. And this was proved

here by Nicholas Eppeloun, Mayor of Sandwich, Vincent Finch, Bailiff of Winchelsea, and by several others, that if it were so done by the said John, that in such case he is bound to pay to the Warden of the Cinque Ports £10: and upon this he is asked if he has, or knows, anything to say on his own behalf wherefore he should not pay the said £10 to the Warden. Who appears and says, that he arrested no ship at Calais as is alleged above, and this he is prepared to prove howsoever the Court shall decree, etc. Therefore a day* is appointed to him at the Church of St. James of Dover on the Thursday next before the Feast of St. George the Martyr next ensuing: and it is ordered to the Mayor and Bailiff of Dover that they should cause to come on that day 12, etc. Who neither, etc.

John Archer, complainant, opposes himself against Nicholas at Hall, lately Mayor of the Port of Dover, and the accomplices of the said Nicholas, then the jurats of the said town, as appears by a certain bill of the said John, concerning a false judgment recently returned by them in the port aforesaid against the said John, in grave contempt of the Lord King and to the damage of John himself, £100, etc.

And the aforesaid Nicholas and the others
Order made. appear and defend, etc., and say that no false judgment was returned by them as the said

John asserts, and ask that this may be proved howsoever the Court shall decree: therefore it is ordered to the Mayor and Bailiff of Dover that they produce a record

Record. and process of the said judgment with all things connected with it under their seals, and the seals of

* *Dies aatus* is the day of respite given to a defendant.

feri possit quod de jure et secundum consuetudinem portuum predictorum fuerit faciend' in premissis. Et dictus

Plegii. Johannes queritur quod quamplures homines de Dovorra ei minantur de corpore suo quia persequitur versus ipsos, videlicet Nicholaus atte Halle, Thomas Monyn, Simon Monyn, Willelmus de Denne, Willelmus Armentier, qui invenerunt plegios, videlicet unusquisque plegius alterius, quod ei per nullum ipsorum dampnum seu periculum eveniet.

Imposita sunt Johanni Gibboun diversa crimina que, ut dicitur, tenderent domino Regi et Custodi predicto in grave contemptum. Super quibus dictus Johannes allocutus, dicit, se de nullo quod domino

Regi seu domino Custodi tenderet in contemptum de nullo fore culpabilem, et petit quod inquiretur; Set cognovit et fatetur quod cum quidem Michaelis Bakere pro diversis criminibus domino Regi sibi impositis, et in prisona de Sandwico detenebatur, et per Custodem predictum jussus erat in prisona teneri sine deliberacione facta, eo quod facta sua domino Regi essent prejudicialia ut

Finis. *dicebatur dictum Michaelum deliberavit contra defensum predictum, et inde posuit se gracia domini, etc. Et deceteris que sibi imponentur non est culpabilis, et petit quod inquiretur. Ideo datus

Plegii. est ei dies apud Dovorram ad ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii.

Et sunt ejus manucaptores

Nicholaus Eppeloun,
Petrus Reade,
Arnaldus Broun,
Robertus de Caustone.

Johannes Pirot tulit billam versus Majorem ville de Sandwico de placito transgressionis prout patet in dicta billa

the four legal men who were concerned in that record at the next Shepway, so that inspection thereon having been made as to what, by right and according to the custom of the ports aforesaid, should be done in the foregoing, may be done :

and the said John complains that several men of *Sureties*. Dover threaten him bodily violence because he prosecutes them, viz., Nicholas at Hall, Thomas Monin, Simon Monin, William de Denne, William Armentier ; who find *Sureties*, viz., each one a surety for the other, that by none of them shall hurt or danger happen to him.

John Gibbon is accused of various crimes which, as is alleged, tend to the grave contempt of the Lord King and the Warden aforesaid. On which the said John, being asked, says, that he is guilty of nothing which would tend to the contempt of the Lord King or Lord Warden, and asks that enquiry may be made. But he knew and confesses that when a certain Michael Baker, for various crimes committed against the Lord King himself, was detained in the prison of Sandwich, and had been ordered by the aforesaid Warden to be kept in prison without delivery made, since this was done to the prejudice of the Lord King, as was said, he

liberated the said Michael against the aforesaid prohibition, and for that placed himself at the mercy of the Lord, etc., and with respect to the other charges he is not guilty and asks that enquiry may be made. A

day is therefore assigned him at the Church of *Sureties*. St. James at Dover on the Thursday next before the Feast of St. George.

His mainpernors being

Nicholas Eppeloun,
Peter Reade,
Arnold Brown,
Robert de Caustone.

John Pirot presents a bill against the Mayor of the town of Sandwich in a plea of trespass, as appears in the said bill

predicti Johannis. Et dictus Major venit et dicit quod paratus est ad respondendum dicto Johanni qualitercumque, etc. Et quia asserit factum esse infra libertatem dicte ville de Sandwico per Majorem ejusdem, Ideo datus est dies partibus quod sint coram Custode, vel ejus locotenente, ad ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii Marturis proximum futurum, etc. Recepturi quod justicia sua debita.

Nicholaus Espeloun, Major ville de Sandwico, queritur de Henrico Wardiew de placito transgressionis, imponens dictum Henricum cepisse quandam districtionem infra libertatem portus de Sandwico pro redditu et serviicii in forinceco eidem Henrico pertinentibus, contra cartas libertatum Quinque Portuum ad dampnum xx librarum; ac etiam in contemptum Custodis Quinque Portuum unde eidem Custodi per cartas libertatum suarum hactenus usitatas x libras solvere tenetur. Et predictus Henricus presens in Curia attachiatus super premissis inconsultis petit sibi diem dari et locum ad predicta responsura: Ideo datus est dies partibus ad ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii Martiris proximum futurum, ad premissa responsura.

Et sunt manucaptores Henrici Wardieu,

Johannus Pirot,

Stephanus de Orlavston.

Stephanus de Orlavstone alias queritur de Johanne Love-rike, nuper Majore ville de Sandwico, ac etiam de Juratis ejusdem ville de placito falsi judicii cujusdam loquele pendens inter, etc. Et invenit plegios de proseguendo, Stephanum de Orlavestone, Ricardum Aleyn: Et unde mandatum fuit Majori et Ballivo de Sandwico quod recordum et processum dicte loquele cum

of the aforesaid John : and the said Mayor appears and says he is prepared to answer to the said John howsoever, etc. And as he asserts that it was committed within the Liberty of the said town of Sandwich by the Mayor of the same, a day is therefore assigned to the parties that they may be before the Warden or his Lieutenant at the Church of Saint James of Dover on the Thursday next before the Feast of Saint George the Martyr next ensuing, etc., to receive what by justice is due.

Nicholas Espeloun, Mayor of the town of Sandwich, complains of Henry Wardiew in a suit of trespass, alleging that the said Henry levied a certain distress within the Liberty of the Port of Sandwich, for rent and services pertaining to the said Henry outside [that Liberty] contrary to the Charters of the liberties of the Cinque Ports to the damage of £20, and also in contempt of the Warden of the Cinque Ports for which, according the Charters of their liberties hitherto observed, he is bound to pay to the said Warden £10 : And the foresaid Henry, present in Court, attached upon the unjudged premises, asks that a day and place may be given him to answer the aforesaid : Therefore a day is given to the parties at the Church of Saint James of Dover on the Thursday next before the Feast of Saint George the Martyr next ensuing, to answer the premisses.

The mainpernors of Henry Wardiew being

John Pirot,

Stephen de Orlavestone.

Stephen de Orlavestone again* complains of John Love-rike, lately Mayor of the town of Sandwich and also of the Jurats of the same town, in a suit for false judgment in a certain suit pending between, etc., and found as sureties for prosecution Stephen de Orlavestone (and) Richard Aleyn : Whereupon it was ordered to the Mayor and Bailiff of Sandwich that they should have here the record and process

* *Alias* is a second or further writ which was issued after a first writ had expired without effect.

omnibus ea tangentibus haberent hic sub sigillis eorum et sigillis quatuor legalium hominum qui recordo illi interfuerunt, etc. Et Major et Ballivus de Sandwico veniunt et retornant mandatum suum in hac forma, tenor et processus in hoc mandato patent in cedula huic mandato consuta etc.

Placita tenta ad Ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra, die Jovis proximo ante festum Sancti Georgii Martiris, coram Locotenente, etc., anno, etc.

Si ipse aliquem navem de Dovorra apud Caleys arestavit contra libertates et consuetudines V. Portuum
Recuper. compertum est per hanc inquisitionem de
x. li. Dovorra in quam Johannes Girold de Dovorra se posuit, videlicet per sacramentum Thome Coumbe, Thome Hanecoke, Petri Cocchere, Petri de Petham, Johannis Denys, Henrici Marchal, Simonis Cobbe, Thome Swinefeld, Johannis Bakere, Willelmi Trippe, Johannis Hunte, et Willelmi Lyoun, qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Johannes Girold arestavit quamdam navem Ricardi Archier de Dovorra apud Caleys contra libertates et consuetudines quinque portuum; Et quia testatum est per quamplures Majores Ballivos et Barones portuum predictorum in Curia presentes quod ipse jure tenetur solvere Custodi quinque portuum x. libras, nec idem Johannes hoc ulterius dedicere possit. Ideo consideratum est quod idem Johannes solvat pro illo facto
Finis. Custodi Quinque Portuum x. libras: Et quod idem Johannes faciat finem pro contemptu supradicto, que ponitur in respectu.

Et sunt plegii dicti Johannes de x. li. supradictis Custodi solutis

Petrus Reade,
 Thomas Monyn,
 Nicholaus atte Halle.

of the said suit, with all things concerning it under their seals, and the seals of the four legal men who were concerned in that record, etc. : And the Mayor and the Bailiff of Sandwich come and return their mandate in this form. The tenour and process in this mandate appear in the schedule sewn to this mandate, etc.

(APRIL 23, 1358).

Pleas Held at the Church of Saint James of Dover on the Thursday next before the Feast of Saint George the Martyr, before the Lieutenant, etc., in the year, etc.

Whether he arrested a certain ship of Dover at Calais contrary to the liberties and customs of the Cinque Ports.

It was found by this enquiry in Dover to
Recovers £10. which John Giroid submitted himself, viz.,
 on the oath of Thomas Coumbe, Thomas Hanecoke, Peter Cocchere, Peter de Petham, John Denis, Henry Marshal, Simon Cobbe, Thomas Swinefeld, John Baker, William Trippe, John Hunte, and William Lion, who say upon their oath that John Giroid did arrest a certain ship of Richard Archer of Dover at Calais against the liberties and customs of the Cinque Ports, and whereas it was proved by several Mayors, Bailiffs, and Barons of the ports aforesaid present in Court, that he by right was bound to pay £10 to the Warden of the Cinque Ports, nor was the said John able to deny it any longer, it was
Fine. therefore decreed that the said John pay for that deed to the Warden of the Cinque Ports £10; and that the said John should be fined for the contempt aforesaid, which is respited.

The sureties of the said John for the payment of the £10 aforesaid to the Warden being
 Peter Reade,
 Thomas Monin,
 Nicholas at Halle.

Johannes Pirot querens opponit se versus Majorem ville de Sandwico de placito transgressionis. Et unde queritur quod cum dictus Johannes habeat diversa tenementa pertinentia Manerio suo de Ringeltone per servicium de Bedelwike, et ad Curiam suam tentam ad Manerium predictum die Mercurii proximo post Festum Sancti Michaelis anno xxxj, quidam Egidius Sowere, tenens ipsius Johannis, electus erat essendus bedellus pro certis terris quas idem Egidius tenet de ipso de dicto Manerio suo, pro quo servicio dictus Egidius fuit districtus, pro qua vero districtione Major ville de Sandwico, die et anno supradictis cepit quemdam equum ipsius Johannis in villa de Sandwico et ipsum detinuit minus juste absque aliqua causa rationabili. Et inde producit sectam, etc. Et predictus Major habens diem suum hic datum apud Curiam de Shipweye venit in propria persona sua et dicit quod ad sectam partis, videlicet dicti Egidii attemptantis querelam versus dictum Johannem, et invenientis plegium ad querelam suam proseguend' et sic processu super hoc contento cepit illam districtionem ad ipsum Johannem ductum ad respondend' prout licuit et non aliter, etc., de hoc petit quod verificetur qualitercumque Curia consideraverit, etc. Ideo preceptum est, etc., venire facere xij de visuris [? vicinis] de Sandwico qui nec, etc.

Quod sint hic coram Custode vel ejus
Preceptum est. Loco-tenente, etc., die Jovis proximo post festum Inventionis Sancte Crucis proximum futurum, etc., ad recognoscend' de premissis plenius veritatem.

Et alias quod ex injuria sua propria et non aliter, etc.

Nicholaus Eppeloun, Major ville de Sandwico, querens, opponit se versus Henricum Wardiew in placito transgressionis, etc. Et unde queritur quod, die et anno supradicto die Jovis proximo post [festum] Sancti Michaelis anno xxix, infra Portum de Sandwico, infra libertatem quinque portuum, pro quibusdem redditibus et serviciis eidem Henrico in forinseco pertinentibus, cepit quandam distric-

John Pirot, complainant, opposes himself against the Mayor of the town of Sandwich in a plea of trespass: in respect whereof he complains, that as the said John holds several tenements pertaining to his Manor of Ringeltone by service of Bedelwicke, and at his Court held on the Wednesday next after the Feast of Saint Michael in the 31st year, a certain Giles Sower, a tenant of the said John, had been elected as bedel for certain lands which the said Giles holds from him in his said manor; for which service the said Giles was distrained, in which distraint the Mayor of the town of Sandwich on the day and year above mentioned, took a certain horse of the said John in the town of Sandwich, and detained it unjustly and without any reasonable cause, and on that account he commenced proceedings, etc.; and the Mayor aforesaid, having his day given him here at the last Court of Shepway, comes in person and says, that at the plea of a party, to wit, of the said Giles beginning a suit against the said John and finding a surety for prosecuting the suit, and thus, a process having been held on this matter, he levied a distraint on the said John, bound to answer as was lawful and not otherwise, etc.; he therefore seeks that this may be proved howsoever the Court shall order, etc.: It is therefore ordered, etc., to cause to come twelve men of the environs of Sandwich who neither, etc.; that they be here before the Warden or his Lieutenant on the Thursday

Order made. next after the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross next ensuing, etc., for the better discovering the truth of the premisses.

And whether it was from his own fault and not otherwise, etc.

Nicholas Eppeloun, Mayor of the town of Sandwich, complainant, opposes himself against Henry Wardiew in a plea of trespass, etc., in respect whereof he complains that on the day and year above mentioned on the Thursday next after the Feast of Saint Michael in the 29th year, within the Port of Sandwich, within the liberty of the Cinque Ports, he levied

cionem contra Cartas et libertates Baronum portuum predictorum, a Domino Rege et predecessibus suis confirmatas, et hactenus a tempore quo memoria non existit usuatas, continentes quod si quis contra dictas libertates atemptare presumpserit Custodi Quinque Portuum x. li. sterlingorum solvere tenetur, quamquidem distraccionem ut premittitur cepit minus juste et contra libertates predictas ad dampnum Majoris dicti Portus x. li., et in grave contemptum Domini Regis, et Custodis quinque portuum, etc. Et predictus Henricus veniens et defendens, respondit et dicit, quod nullam distraccionem cepit infra libertatem suam et petit quod inquiretur. Ideo *Preceptum est.* . . .

Breve domini Regis directum fuit Custodi quinque portuum harum seriem continens.

Edwardus, etc., Mandamus vobis quod executionem Judicii nuper redditum in Curia nostra Dovorre de loquela que nuper fuit in eadem Curia coram Bartholomeo de Burghesshe, nuper Constabulario Castri et Custode portuum eorundem, sine brevi nostro, inter Godescalcum Bredenelite Mercatorem Almannie et inter Majorem et Ballivos ville de Wynchelse, decatallis ipsius Godescalci capti et injuste detentis ut dicebatur, sine dilatione fieri faciatis. Teste, etc., x. die Aprilis, etc., anno xxxij, etc.

Virtute cujus brevis mandatum fuit Majori et Ballivo de Wynchelse quod scire facerent Valentino de Dovorra, Majorem [!] dicte ville tempore captionis dictorum bonorum, et Vincencio finche tunc Ballivo ville predicte. Et retornant mandatum suum in hac forma. Scire fecimus Vincencio finche, per {Johannem Geffrai, } Valentinus
 {Willelmum de Yorke, }
 de Dovorra mortuus est : Et dictus Vincencius presens in Curia petit auditis recordo et processu dicti [!] recuperationis, quibus lectis, dictus Vincencius allocutus siquid pro se habeat vel dicere sciat quare dicta catalla in dicto recordo contenta de bonis et catallis suis secundum formam dicti

a certain distrain for certain rents and services pertaining to the said Henry without the liberty contrary to the Charters and liberties of the Barons of the Ports aforesaid, confirmed by the King and his predecessors, and hitherto enjoyed time out of mind, including that, if any one should dare to attempt anything against the said liberties, he should be bound to pay £10 sterling to the Warden of the Cinque Ports, which distrain, as is premitted, he levied unjustly against the liberties aforesaid to the hurt of the Mayor of the said Port £10, and in grave contempt of the Lord King and the Warden of the Cinque Ports, etc. ; and the aforesaid Henry, coming and defending, answers and says that *Order made.* he levied no distrain within its Liberty, and asks that it may be enquired into. It is therefore ordered . . .

A writ of the Lord King was directed to the Warden of the Cinque Ports containing the following,—

Edward, etc. We command that you, without delay, cause to be carried out the execution of a judgment recently given in our Court of Dover in a suit which was lately had in the said Court before Bartholomew de Burghesh, lately Constable of the Castle, and Warden of the said Ports, without our writ, between Godescalc Bredenelite, merchant of Germany, and the Mayor and Bailiff of the town of Winchelsea, concerning the chattels of the said Godescalc, seized and detained unjustly as was said. Witness, etc., the 10th day of April, etc., in the 32nd year, etc.

In virtue of which writ it was commanded to the Mayor and Bailiff of Winchelsea that they should *cause to know** Valentine of Dover, Mayor of the said town at the time of the seizure of the said goods, and Vincent Finch, then Bailiff of the town aforesaid ; and they return their mandate in this form,—“We *caused to know* Vincent Finch by John Geffrai and William de Yorke ; Valentine of Dover is dead.” The said Vincent, present in Court, asks that the record and process of the said recovery be read, which being read the said Vincent is asked whether for himself he has, or knows,

* *Scire facias*, a judicial writ requiring the person against whom it is brought to show cause.

brevis ad opus dicti Godescalci fieri non debeant. Et predictus Vincencius dicit quod per breve domini Regis et per mandatum domini Constabularii inde directum supponitur tunc Majorem Ville de Wynchelse et
Restitutio. Ballivum ejusdem ville super premissis responsuros. Et per retorum mandati dicto Custodi ut premittitur apparet quod Valentinus de Dovorra tunc Major dicte ville mortuus est, et non intelligit quod ipse sine executoribus dictum Valentinum [!] respondere debeat: Et quia Curia vult super istis informari, Datus est dies partibus est Jovis proximo post [festum] inventionis Sancte Crucis proximum futurum: Et predictus
Attornatus. Godescalcus ponit loco suo Henricum Glyant mercatorem Almannie et Robertum de Caustone conjunctim et divisim; Et predictus Vincencius ponit loco suo Robertum de Penne in placito predicto.

Breve domini Regis directum fuit Custodi quinque portuum harum seriem continens.

Edwardus, etc. Querelam Johannis de Mare, Mercatoris de Janua, et Petri Johannis, Mercatoris de Florentia, et sociorum suorum, recepimus continentem, etc. prout patet in brevi.

Et postea dictus Johannes et Petrus opponunt se, etc. Ut in quadam cedula patet, etc. Et habent diem partes, die Jovis proximo post festum inventionis Sancte Crucis proximum futurum, etc.

Breve domini Regis mandatum fuit pro Priore Sancti Martini de Dovorra in hec verba: *Edwardus, etc.* Ideo prescriptum est Majori et Ballivo Dovorre quod venire faciunt xii. probos et legales homines, etc., quod sint coram Custode vel ejus loco tenente ad Ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi ad inquirendum super omnibus et singulis in dicto brevi contentis, etc., tali die, etc.

anything why the said chattels contained in the said record, ought not to be made up from his goods and chattels according to the form of the said writ for the use of the said Godescalc; and the aforesaid Vincent says that, by the writ of the Lord King, and by the mandate of the Lord Constable issued on that behalf, it is alleged that the then Mayor of the

town of Wynchelsea and the Bailiff of the said
Restitution. town should answer upon the premisses, and by

the return of the mandate to the said Warden, it appears that Valentine of Dover, then Mayor of the said town, is dead, and he does not know what he, without the executors of the said Valentine, ought to answer; and as the Court wishes to be informed thereon, a day is given for the parties, on the Thursday next after [the Feast] of the Invention of the Holy Cross next ensuing; and the aforesaid

Godescalc places in his place Henry Glyant,
Attornied. merchant of Germany, and Robert de Caustone, conjointly and separately; and the aforesaid Vincent places in his place Robert de Penne in the plea aforesaid.

A writ of the Lord King was directed to the Warden of the Cinque Ports containing the following,—

Edward, etc. *We have received the plaint of John at Sea, merchant of Genoa, and Peter John, merchant of Florence, and their partners, containing, etc., as appears in that writ:*

And later the said John and Peter oppose themselves, etc., as by a certain schedule appears, etc.; and the parties have a day, on the Thursday after the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross next ensuing, etc.

A writ of the Lord King was issued for the Prior of Saint Martin's of Dover in these words,—*Edward, etc.*: It was therefore ordered to the Mayor and Bailiff of Dover that they cause to come twelve good and legal men, etc., that they may be before the Warden or his Lieutenant at the Church of Saint James, to enquire into all and singular contained in the said writ on such a day, etc.

PLACITA tenta ad Ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra die Jovis proximo post festum inventionis Sancte Crucis, anno xxxij, etc.

Johannes de Mare mercator de Janua et Petrus Johannes mercator de fflorentia et socii sui qui tulerunt *Misericordia.* billam versus Majorem Ballivum et Communitatem Ville de Sandwico non sunt presentes. Ideo ipsi et plegii sui, videlicet Robertus Lynham et Johannes Geffrai in misericordia.

Mandatum fuit Ballivo et Majori de Sandwico quod venire faciunt xii. probos et legales homines quod essent hic in quadam jurata inter Johannem Piroto, querentem, et Majorem Ville de Sandwico defendentem in *Preceptum est* placito transgressionis, etc. Qui sic respond-
sit alias. ent quod illud mandatum adeo tarde venit quod illud exequi non potuerunt, etc. Ideo preceptum est sit alias, etc.

Mandatum fuit Ballivo et Baronibus de Sandwico quod venire fecerint xij probos et legales homines *Preceptum est* quod essent hic in quadam Jurata inter Majorem
sit alias. Ville de Sandwico querentem et Henricum Wardieu defendentem in placito transgressionis etc., qui sic respondent quod illud mandatum adeo tarde eis venit quod illud exequi non potuerunt, etc. Ideo preceptum est sit alias, etc.

Consimile retorum pro Majore et Ballivo *Preceptum est* Dovorre de Inquisicione tangente Majorem
sit alias. de Dovorra. Ideo preceptum est sit alias, etc.

Dies datus est Vincencio ffince, Ballivo de Wynchelse, super quadam excepcione ut premittitur in Curia precedenti

PLEAS held in the Church of Saint James at Dover, on the Thursday next after the Feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, in the Year 32, etc. (*May* 10).

John atte Sea, merchant of Genoa, and Peter John, merchant of Florence, and their partners, who entered a bill against the Mayor, Bailiff, and Community of *Amerced.* the town of Sandwich, are not present ; therefore they and their sureties, viz., Robert Linham and John Geffrai are amerced.

It was commanded to the Bailiff and Mayor of Sandwich that they should cause to come twelve good and legal men to serve here in a certain jury between John Pirot, complainant, and the Mayor of the town of Sandwich, defendant, in a plea for trespass, etc. : who thus *Deferred.* answer that that mandate came so late that they had not been able to fulfill it ; therefore it was ordered let it be later, etc.

It was ordered to the Bailiff and Barons of Sandwich that they should cause twelve good and legal men to serve here on a certain jury between the Mayor of the town of Sandwich, complainant, and Henry Wardien, defendant, in a plea for trespass, etc. : who thus answer that *Deferred.* that mandate came to them so late that they had not been able to fulfil it, etc. : therefore it was ordered let it be later, etc.

A like return for the Mayor and Bailiff of Dover for the *Deferred.* Inquisition touching the Mayor of Dover, it is therefore ordered let it be later, etc.

A day was given to Vincent Finch, Bailiff of Winchelsea, upon a certain exception, as is premised in the Court

de excucione [!] cujusdam judicii contra Valentinum
Dies. de Dovorra, nuper Majorem Ville de Wynchelse, et
 dictum Vincencium, tunc Ballivum ibidem, per Bartholomeum de Burghersshe, tunc Custodem Quinque Portuum, redditu ad sectam Godescalke Bredenelet, usque diem veneris proximum post festum Sancte Trinitatis, etc.

Preceptum est sicut alias Omnibus Majoribus Ballivis et Baronibus quinque portuum quod habeant contra dictum diem veneris predicte in scriptis que bona et quanta cepissent per Skomerfare, tempore quo dictus Custos optinuerit ballivam suam, unde dicto Custodi certa pars de jure pertinere debet.

PLACITA tenta ad Ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovorra die veneris proximo post festum Sancte Trinitatis.

Majores Ballivi et Barones quinque portuum tulerunt breve domini Regis in hec verba. *Edwardus dei gratia*, etc. Quo breve lecto et omnibus partibus querentibus huic inde vocatis pro avisamento super dicto brevi habend'. Datus est dies omnibus partibus querentibus et defendentibus, videlicet, die martis proximo post festum translacionis Sancti Thome martiris et interim loquendum est inde cum consilio domini Regis.

Henricus Wardieu ponit loco suo Johannem Salmon, de Westclive, versus Majorem ville de Sandwico pro manutencio prius habito.

Edwardus, etc.

Inquisicio capta virtute brevis domini Regis superius anno, etc. etc., de diversis custumis et tolnetis.

preceding, of the execution of a certain judgment against Valentine de Dover, lately Mayor of the town of Winchelsea, and the said Vincent, then Bailiff there, by Bartholomew de Burghersh, then Warden of the Cinque Ports, returned at the suit of Godescalke Bredenelet—until the Friday next after the Feast of the Holy Trinity.

It was ordered as otherwise to all the Mayors, Bailiffs, and Barons of the Cinque Ports, that they should have by the said Friday, in writing, what goods and chattels and how much they had seized for Skomerfare at the time when the said Warden obtained his Bailiewick, whereof a certain part by right ought to belong to the said Warden.

PLEAS held in the Church of Saint James in Dover, on the Friday next after the Feast of the Holy Trinity. (*June 1*).

The Mayors, Bailiffs and Barons of the Cinque Ports present a writ of the Lord King in these words,—*Edward, by the Grace of God, etc.* : which writ having been read, and all the complaining parties having been called to advise upon the said writ—a day was given to all parties, complainants and defendants, to wit the Tuesday next after the Feast of the Translation of Saint Thomas the Martyr : in the interim the Council of the Lord King, to be interviewed.

Henry Wardieu places in his place John Salmon of Westcliffe *versus* the Mayor of the town of Sandwich instead of the mainpernor before had.

Edward, etc.

Inquisition held by virtue of a writ of the Lord King above in the year, etc., etc., concerning divers customs and tolls.

XXVII.

i Octobris, 35 Edw. III.

SCIAnt presentes et futuri quod nos Rogerus Neueman, vicarius ecclesie de Westclyve, et Valentinus Gate, capellanus, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Salomoni Hollane, et Alicie uxori ejus, omnia illa terras tenementa et redditus cum curiarum sectis feoditibus releviis eschaetis et aliis juribus serviciis et pertinenciis suis, que nuper habuimus de dono et concessione ipsius Salomonis in parochiis de Westclyve, et Sancte Margarete de Clyve apud Soltone, prout in carta ipsius Salomonis nobis inde confecta plenius continetur: habend' et tenend' omnia illa terras tenementa et redditus predicta cum omnibus predictis serviciis et aliis pertinenciis suis ad dicta tenementa spectantibus, predictis Salomoni et Alicie uxori ejus heredibus et assignatis ipsius Salomonis de domino feodi per servicia inde debita imperpetuum: et nos predicti Rogerus et Valentinus et heredes nostri omnia illa terras tenementa et redditus predicta cum universis juribus serviciis predictis et aliis pertinenciis suis predictis Salomoni et Alicie uxori ejus heredibus et assignatis ipsius Salomonis contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigilla nostra presentibus apposuimus.

Data apud Westclyve primo die Octobris anno regni regis Edwardi, tercii post conquestum Anglie tricesimo quinto.

Hiis testibus, Quikemanno de Bere, Rogero de Bere; Johanne Sayer; Johanne de Evebroke; Johanne de Bere; Ricardo Northbyrne; Johanne ate Bakehouse; Johanne Copyn; Hamone Sawere; et aliis.

XXVII.

1 October 1361.

Know all, present and future, that we, Roger Neueman, Vicar of the Church of Westcliffe, and Valentine Gate, Chaplain, have given, granted, and, by this our present Charter, confirmed to Solomon Hollane and Alice, his wife, all those lands, tenements, and rents, with their suits of courts, fealties, reliefs, escheats, and their other rights, services, and appurtenances, which we lately had by the gift and grant of the same Solomon in the parishes of Westcliffe and Saint Margaret at Cliff at Solton, as is more fully contained in the Charter of the same Solomon made for us on that behalf : to have and hold all those lands, tenements, and rents aforesaid, with all the aforesaid services and appurtenances pertaining to the said tenements, to the aforesaid Solomon and Alice, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the same Solomon, from the lord of that fee by the services due therefrom in perpetuity : and we, the said Roger and Valentine and our heirs, will warrant to the aforesaid Solomon and Alice, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the same Solomon, all those lands, tenements, and rents aforesaid, with all their aforesaid rights, services, and other appurtenances against all men for ever. In testimony whereof we have appended our seals to these presents.

Given at Westcliffe the first day of October in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of King Edward, the third after the conquest of England.

Witnesses : Quickman de Bere ; Roger de Bere ; John Sayer ; John de Evebroke ; John de Bere ; Richard Northbinne ; John at Bakehouse ; John Copin ; Hamo Sawyer ; and others.

XXVIII.

xxv Julii 37 Edw. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Palmere de HUGHAM, Robertus Taillour de DOVERRA, et Rogerus Shereman de eadem, dedimus concessimus et, presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Alano Wrangel et Cristine uxori sue, que fuit uxor Willelmi atte Pette cissoris, quoddam tenementum cum suis pertinenciis jacens infra Libertatem portus Dovorre in Snorgatewarde, videlicet inter terram Thome Spisour versus southwest, et tenementum heredum Johannis Joseph versus northwest, et Regias stratas versus versus(!) northest et southwest, quod quidem tenementum nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento dicti Willelmi atte Pette: habend' et tenend' totum predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Alano et Cristine uxori sue et eorum assignatis ad totam vitam ipsorum Alani et Cristine bene et in pace ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis quando evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti, ac etiam capitalibus dominis feodi illius omnia servicia eis inde annuatim debita et de jure consueta: et post decessum ipsorum Alani et Cristine totum predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis remaneat Isabelle Agneti et Cristine filiabus predicti Willelmi et heredibus de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum: tenend' per servitium domini regis antedictum et per servicia capitalibus dominis ffeodi illius inde debita et consueta: et nos predicti Johannes Robertus et Rogerus et heredes nostri warantizabimus totum predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, prefatis Alano et Cristine uxori sue ad totam vitam eorundem Alani et Cristine, et post decessum ipsorum Alani et Cristine filiabus dicti Willelmi et heredibus de corporibus eorum legitime procreatis imperpetuum contra omnes gentes.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte indentate sigilla nostra apposuimus. Data Dovorra in festo sancti Jacobi

XXVIII.

25 July 1363.

Know all, present and future, that we, John Palmer of Hougham, Robert Taillour of Dover, and Roger Shereman of the same place, have given, granted, and, by this our present Charter, have confirmed to Alan Wrangel, and Christine, his wife, formerly the wife of William atte Pette, tailor, a certain tenement with its appurtenances lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Snargate Ward, viz., between the land of Thomas Spisour to the south-west, and the tenement of the heirs of John Joseph to the north-west, and The King's Highway to the north-east and south-west, which tenement we recently had by the gift and feoffment of the said William atte Pette: to have and to hold all the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Alan and Christine, his wife, and their assigns for the whole life of the said Alan and Christine well and peacefully, they performing therefore the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the Port aforesaid; and also all services due therefrom annually and by right accustomed to the capital lords of that fee: and after the decease of the said Alan and Christine, the whole tenement aforesaid, with its appurtenances, shall remain to Isabella Agnes and Christine, the daughters of the aforesaid William, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten, well and peacefully in hereditary rights for ever, to hold by the service of the Lord King beforesaid, and by the services therefrom due and accustomed to the capital Lords of that fee; and we the aforesaid John, Robert, and Roger, and our heirs, will warrant all the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances to the beforesaid Alan and Christine, his wife, for the whole life of the said Alan and Christine, and after the decease of the said Alan and Christine to the daughters of the said William, and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten for ever against all men.

In testimony whereof to this present indented Charter

Apostoli anno regni Regis Edwardi, tercii a conquestu, tricesimo septimo.

Hiis testibus, Nicholao atte Halle, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Petro Rede, tunc ballivo ; Willelmo Denne ; Thoma Spisour ; Simone Monyn ; Johanne atte Halle ; Ricardo Archer ; Johanne Monyn ; Alexandro Hurtyrn ; Rogero de Bere ; et aliis.

we have affixed our seals. Given at Dover on the Feast of Saint James the Apostle, in the 37th year of the reign of King Edward, the third from the conquest.

Witnesses: Nicholas at Hall, then Mayor of Dover; Peter Rede, then Bailiff; William Denne; Thomas Spisour; Simon Monin; John atte Halle; Richard Archer; John Monin; Alexander Hurtin; Roger de Bere; and others.

XXIX.

xiiiij Augusti 39 Edw. III.

H^EC carta indentata testatur quod Willielmus de Denne, Major Ville Dovorre, et jurati tunc temporis ejusdem ville de assensu tocius communitatis ibidem concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Roberto de Swantone et Johanne uxori ejus quandam peciam terre jacentem infra libertatem portus Dovorre apud Castlehelle, videlicet inter terram Johannis Gerolde versus northwest, et quandam communem semitam que ducit ad castrum versus northest, et inter terram heredum Ade fforbour et terram Willelmi Sawere versus southest, et terram Petri Cocchere versus southwest : habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinentiis prefatis Roberto et Johanne heredibus et eorum assignatis imperpetuum, ffaciend' inde servicium domini regis quando evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti et reddend' inde annuatim Majori dicte dicte (!) ville qui tunc pro tempore fuerit quatuor denarios sterlingorum annualis redditus ad festum Pasche solvend'. Et quando-cumque predictus annualis redditus aretro fuerit ultra terminum predictum per unum annum integrum tunc liceat majori dicte ville qui tunc fuerit dictam peciam terre cum suis pertinentiis, ad quorumcumque manus in posterum devenerit, reingredi reintrare et pacifice possidere sibi et successoribus suis majoribus ejusdem ville inperpetuum. Et predicti Willelmus major et jurati, ac communitas predicta warantizabunt predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinentiis prefatis Roberto et Johanne heredibus et eorum assignatis in forma predicta contra omnes gentes imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum majoratus dicte ville quam sigillum ipsius Roberti huic indentre alternatim sunt appensa.

Datum Dovorra quarto decimo die Augusti, anno regni regis Edwardi, tercii, a conquestu, tricesimo nono.

XXIX.

14 August 1365.

THIS indented charter witnesses that William de Denne, Mayor of the town of Dover, and the Jurats for the time being of the said town, with the assent of the whole community there, have granted, and at fee firm demised to Robert de Swanton and Johanna, his wife, a certain plot of land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover at Castle Hill, to wit between the land of John Giroid to the north-west, and a certain common path leading to the Castle to the north-east, and between the land of the heirs of Adam Forbour and the land of William Sawyer to the south-east, and the land of Peter Cocchere to the south-west; to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert and Johanna, their heirs and assigns for ever, performing therefore the service of the Lord King whenever it shall arise, according to the custom of the aforesaid port: and paying therefore annually to the Mayor of the said town, for the time being, 4*d.* sterling of annual rent, to be paid at the Feast of Easter; and whenever the aforesaid annual rent shall be in arrear beyond the term aforesaid for one whole year, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said town for the time being, to go in, re-enter and peacefully possess for ever for himself and his successors, the Mayors of the said town, the said plot of land with its appurtenances into whosoever hands it shall come in the future, and the aforesaid William, the Mayor and Jurats and Commonalty aforesaid, will warrant the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert and Johanna, their heirs and their assigns, in the form aforesaid against all men for ever.

In testimony whereof the seal of the Mayoralty of the said town, as well as the seal of the said Robert, are alternately affixed to this indenture.

Given at Dover the 14th day of August, in the 39th year of the reign of King Edward, the third from the conquest.

XXX.

xx Septembris, 45 Edw. III.

NOTUM sit omnibus per presentem indenturam quod Johannes atte Halle, Major ville Dovorre, et ejusdem ville jurati pro utilitate tocius communitatis dicte ville concesserunt et dimiserunt ad firmam Simoni Walmere et Petronille uxori sue quandam terram jacentem infra libertatem dicte ville in Deffwarde, inter terram Comitis Oxonie' versus northest, et regiam stratam versus northwest, et inter tenementum dicti Simonis et terram Johannis Wylde versus southest, et tenementum dicti Johannis Wyldes versus southwest, quequidem terra pertinet ad Communitatem ville predictæ pro pluribus serviciis domini Regis, et aliis oneribus inde debitis de diversis temporibus retroactis: habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Simoni et Petronille uxori sue, heredibus, et eorum assignatis imperpetuum, ffaciend' inde servicium domini Regis quando evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti; et reddend' inde annuatim, ad festum Pasche, communitati ville Dovorre sex denarios sterlingorum liberi redditus imperpetuum. Et quandocumque predictus annualis redditus aretro fuerit, in parte vel in toto, bene liceat successoribus communibus dicte communitatis et aliis ministris suis in predicta terra distringere, et distractiones retinere quousque de omnibus arreragiis ejusdem plenarie fuerit persolutum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum majoratus portus predicti quam sigillum dictorum Simonis et Petronille alternatim sunt appensa.

Data Dovorra vicesimo die Septembris anno regni regis Edwardi, tercii post conquestum Anglie, quodragesimo quinto.

XXX.

20 September 1371.

BE it known to all by this present indenture that John atte Halle, Mayor of the town of Dover, and the Jurates of the said town, for the use of the whole Community of the said town, have granted and demised at farm to Simon Walmer and Petronilla, his wife, a certain plot of land lying within the Liberty of the said town in Delf Ward, between the land of the Earl of Oxford to the north-east and the King's Highway to the north-west, and between the tenement of the said Simon and the land of John Wilde to the south-east and the tenement of the said John Wilde to the south-west, which land belongs to the Community of the town aforesaid for several services to the Lord King and other burdens due therefrom at divers past times : to have and to hold the land aforesaid, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Simon and Petronilla, his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever, performing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid ; and paying therefor annually, at the Feast of Easter, to the Commonalty of the town of Dover, 6d. sterling of free rent for ever ; and whenever the aforesaid annual rent shall be in arrear, in part or in whole, it shall be fully lawful for the ordinary successors of the said Commonalty and others their ministers, to distrain on the aforesaid land, and to retain the distresses until all arrears of the same shall be fully paid.

In witness whereof the seal of the Mayoralty of the port aforesaid, as well as the seal of the said Simon and Petronilla, have been alternately affixed.

Given at Dover, the twentieth day of September in the forty-fifth year of the reign of King Edward, the third from the conquest of England.

XXXI.

xxiiij Septembris, 49 Edw. III.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod Johannes Monyn, senior, Major ville Dovorre, et ejusdem ville Jurati, de assensu totius Communitatis concesserunt et presenti carta indentata ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Roberto Swanton de eadem, et Johanne, uxori ejus, quandam terram vacuum jacentem infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Derremanne Warde, videlicet inter regiam stratam versus southwest, et falaciam maris versus northeast, et terram Johannis Wylde versus southeast : habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis predictis Roberto et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis imperpetuum, faciend' inde servicium domini regis quando e venerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti et reddend' inde annuatim predicte Communitati ad festum Pasche duodecim denarios sterlingorum annualis redditus. Volunt et concedunt predicti Robertus et Johanna, uxor ejus, et heredes sui quod bene liceat Majori et Juratis ville predicte quicumque pro tempore fuerint et eorum attornatis pro predicto annuali redditu quociens aretro fuerit in predicta terra cum suis pertinenciis distringere, et districciones abducere et retinere quousque de predicto redditu, et de omnibus arragiis ejusdem sibi fuerit plenarie satisfacta : Et predicti Major et Jurati successores sui nomine dicte Communitatis predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Roberto et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis pro predicto annuali redditu contra omnes gentes warrantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte *dentate sigillum officii majoratus presentibus est appensum.

Data Dovorra vicesimo quarto die Septembris anno regni Regis Edwardi, tercii post conquestum Anglie, quadragesimo nono, regni vero sui ffrancie tricesimo sexto.

XXXI.

24 September 1375.

Know all present and future that John Monin, senior, Mayor of the town of Dover, and the Jurats of the said town, with the assent of the whole Commonalty, have granted, and, by the present indented charter, have demised at fee farm to Robert Swanton, of the same town, and Johanna, his wife, a certain plot of vacant land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Derreman Ward, viz., between the King's highway to the south-west, and the sea cliff to the north-east, and the land of John Wilde to the south-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for ever, they performing therefore the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid; and paying therefor annually to the aforesaid Commonalty at the Feast of Easter, 12*d.* sterling of annual rent, and the aforesaid Robert and Johanna, his wife, and their heirs, will and grant that it shall be fully lawful for the Mayor and Jurats of the town aforesaid, for the time being, and their attorneys to distrain on the aforesaid land with its appurtenances for the aforesaid annual rent as often as it shall be in arrear, and to lead away and detain the distresses until the aforesaid rent and all arrears thereof shall be fully paid: and the aforesaid Mayor and Jurats, and their successors, in the name of the said Commonalty will warrant the land aforesaid with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for the annual rent aforesaid, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof the seal of the office of Mayoralty is affixed to this present indented charter.

Given at Dover the twenty-fourth day of September, in the forty-ninth year of the reign of King Edward, the third after the conquest of England, and of his reign of France the thirty-sixth.

One seal intact, and portions of another, remain.

XXXII.

iiij Maii, 4 Ric. II.

RICARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie et ffrancie, et Dominus Hibernie ; omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint,—
Salutem.

Constat nobis per inspeccionem rotulorum Cancellarie domini E., nuper Regis Anglie, avi nostri, quod in quadam ordinacione per ipsum avum nostrum de assensu Prelatorum Comitum et Baronum regni sui in Parlamento suo apud Ebor' in crastino Ascensionis Domini anno regni sui nono tento convocatorum pro utilitate ipsius avi nostri et subditorum suorum facta et stabilita continetur inter cetera articulus infrascriptus, videlicet—

Et que nul peleryn passe hors de nostre roialme vers les parties de dela forsque a Dovorre sous peine de imprisonment dun an.

Nos autem articulum predictum ad requisicionem dilecti Johannis Halle, Majoris predictæ ville Dovorre, tenore presencium duximus exemplificandum et volentes et concedentes quod ordinacio predicta quo ad articulum predictum cum ad communem tendat utilitatem regni nostri inviolabiliter teneatur et firmiter observetur.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium quarto die Maii anno regni nostri quarto.

XXXII.

4 May 1381.

RICHARD, by the grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland; to all to whom these present letters shall come,—Greeting.

It is known to us by an inspection of the rolls of the Chancellery of the Lord Edward, lately King of England, our grandfather, that, in a certain ordinance, made and established by the same our grandfather, with the assent of the Prelates, Earls, and Barons of his Kingdom assembled in his Parliament, held at York on the morrow of the Ascension of our Lord, in the ninth year of his reign, for the benefit of our said grandfather and of his subjects, is contained, among others, the article written below, viz.—

And that no pilgrim pass outside our Realm to foreign parts, except through Dover, under pain of a year's imprisonment.

We therefore, at the request of our beloved John Halle, Mayor of the aforesaid town of Dover, have caused the article aforesaid to be exemplified by the tenour of these presents, both Willing and Granting that the ordinance aforesaid, so far as the article aforesaid, as it tends to the common benefit of our kingdom, be inviolably kept and firmly observed.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made.

Witness myself at Westminster the fourth day of May in the fourth year of our reign.

The great Seal of England remains.

XXXIII.

xxvj Martii, 5 Richard II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Willelmus Barbour, filius Henrici Barbour de Dovorra, dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Alexandro Wyte de eadem, et Johanne, uxori ejus, dimidiam acram terre jacentem in parochia de Cherleton, et in tenura Prioris Dovorre, videlicet, inter terram Johannis Aleyn versus northeast, et terram Thome Harri versus southeast, et terram Willelmi Gerold versus southwest, et terram Willelmi predicti versus northwest; habend' et tenend' predictam dimidiam acram terre cum suis pertinentiis predictis Alexandro et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis bene et in pace inperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia eis inde debita et de jure consueta. Et ego predictus Willelmus et heredes mei predictam dimidiam acram terre cum suis pertinentiis predictis Alexandro et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus inperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Cherleton vicesimo sexto die Martii anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi post conquestum Anglie quinto.

Hiis testibus, Johanne By; Thoma Wille; Willelmo By; Johanne atte Regge; Johanne Wyte; Willelmo Borstale; Nicholao Guldebarde; et aliis bonis.

XXXIII.**26 March 1382.**

Know all present and future that I, William Barbour, son of Henry Barbour of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Alexander Wite of the same town, and Johanna, his wife, half an acre of land lying in the parish of Charleton, and in the tenure of the Prior of Dover, viz., between the land of John Aleyn to the north-east, and the land of Thomas Harry to the south-east, and the land of William Gerold to the south-west, and the land of me, William aforesaid, towards the north-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid half acre of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Alexander and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, well and peaceably for ever, from the capital lords of that fee by the services due to them therefrom and by right accustomed, and I, the aforesaid William, and my heirs, will warrant the aforesaid half acre of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Alexander and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to the present charter.

Given at Charleton the twenty-sixth day of March in the fifth year of the reign of King Richard, the second after the conquest of England.

Witnesses, John By ; Thomas Wille ; William By ; John atte Regge ; John Wite ; William Borstale ; Nicholas Guldebard ; and other good men.

XXXIV.

i Octobris, 9 Ric. II.

NOVERINT universi per presentem indenturam quod Nicholaus de Hawte, Chivaler, et Edmundus de Hawte, dimiserunt Priori et Conventui Sancti Martini novi operis Dovorre omnes terras et pasturas suas cum pertinenciis suis jacentes in parochia de Hugham in quodam loco vocato Heggchlyve et Erchchlyve : habend' et tenend' predictas terras et pasturas cum pertinenciis suis predictis Priori Conventui et eorum successoribus a die dati presencium usque in finem triginta annorum proximorum sequentium plenarie completorum : reddend' inde annuatim iidem Prior Conventus et eorum successores predictis Nicholao et Edmundo et eorum heredibus ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli viginti solidos usualis monete Anglie : et si predictus redditus, vel aliqua pars ejusdem, aretro sit per quatuordecim dies ultra terminum prefixum, tunc bene liceat predictis Nicholao Edmundo et eorum heredibus assignatis vel attornatis tam in omnibus terris manerii eorundem Prioris et Conventus de ffarnynglo, quam in terris et pasturis predictis, ut premittitur, predictis Priori et Conventui dimissis ubique [distringere, et] districciones capere abducere et retinere donec sibi de omnibus inde arreragiis plenarie fuerit satisfactum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigilla ipsorum Nicholai et Edmundi quam sigillum Commune predictorum Prioris et Conventus partibus hujus indenture alternatim sunt appensa.

Data apud Hugham primo die Octobris anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi a conquestu Anglie nono.

Portions of a large white seal remain.

XXXIV.

1 October 1385.

Know all by the present indenture that Nicholas de Hawte, Chevalier, and Edmund de Hawte, have demised to the Prior and Convent of Saint Martin of the New Work of Dover, all their lands and pasture with their appurtenances lying in the parish of Hougham, in a certain place called Highcliffe and Archcliffe : to have and to hold the aforesaid lands and pastures with their appurtenances to the aforesaid Prior and Convent and their successors, from the day of the date of these presents to the end of the thirty years next following fully complete ; the said Prior, Convent and their successors paying therefrom annually to the aforesaid Nicholas and Edmund, and their heirs, at the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, 20s. of current English money : and if the aforesaid rent, or any part of it, be in arrears for fourteen days beyond the term assigned, it shall then be fully lawful for the aforesaid Nicholas, Edmund, their heirs and assigns, or their attorneys, to distrain as well on all the lands of the Manor of Farninglo belonging to the said Prior and Convent, as on the lands and pastures aforesaid demised, as is premised, to the Prior and Convent aforesaid, and to take, lead away, and retain the distrains until they shall be fully satisfied for the rent and all arrears of it.

In witness whereof the seals of the said Nicholas and Edmund, as well as the common seal of the Prior and Convent aforesaid, are alternately affixed to the parts of this indenture.

Given at Hougham, on the first day of October in the ninth year of the reign of King Richard, the second from the conquest of England.

XXXV.

xxxj Decembriis, 11 Ric. II.

Hæc indentura testatur quod Johannes Monyn, Major, et Johannes Hamone, Thomas Lord, Robertus Aleyn, et Johannes atte Melle, custodes portus Dovorre, nomine et assensu totius Communitatis portus predicti concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Willelmo Chilton et Johanne, uxori ejus, unam placeam terre vacue jacentem infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Deremanwarde ad tenementum Idonie Soltone versus northwest, et terram Thome Lord versus southwest, et regiam stratam versus northeast, et tenementum predicti Willelmi versus southest : habend' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum pertinenciis suis prefatis Willelmo et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Willelmi imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde annuatim servicium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti : et reddend' inde annuatim dicte communitati et successoribus suis ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, sex denarios sterlingorum annui redditus ; et si predictus redditus aretro fuerit in parte vel in toto ultra terminum predictum tunc licebit majori et custodibus et suis successoribus, qui pro tempore fuerint, nomine dicte communitatis in predicta placea terre distringere, districciones abducere et retinere quousque de predicto redditu et de omnibus inde arreragiis illis plene fuerint satisfactum : si vero predictus redditus aretro fuerit, in parte vel in toto, per unum annum unum diem ultra terminum prefixum, et districcio sufficiens ad valorem dicti redditus in predicta placea inveniri non poterit tunc licitum sit eisdem majori et custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint et eorum successoribus nomine dicte communitatis in predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis, in quorumcumque manus imposterum devenerit, reintrare et illam in manus suas reseisire et possidere in statu pristino imperpetuum, absque impedimento vel contradicione eorum Willelmi et Johanne heredum aut assignatorum ipsius Willelmi : Et

XXXV.

31 December 1387.

THIS indenture witnesseth that John Monin, Mayor, and John Hamon, Thomas Lord, Robert Alein, and John at Mill, Chamberlains of the Port of Dover, in the name and with the assent of the whole Commonalty of the port aforesaid, have granted, and at fee farm demised to William Chilton and Johanna, his wife, one plot of vacant land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Dereman Ward, next the tenement of Idonia Solton to the north-west, and the land of Thomas Lord to the south-west, and the King's Highway to the north-east, and the tenement of the aforesaid William to the south-east : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid William and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said William for ever : they performing therefor annually the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid : and paying therefor annually to the said Commonalty and their successors, at the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, 6d. sterling of annual rent : and if the aforesaid rent shall be in arrear, in part or in whole, beyond the term aforesaid, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor, Wardens, and their successors, for the time being, in the name of the said Commonalty, to distrain on the aforesaid plot of land, to take away and retain the distresses until they shall be fully satisfied for the aforesaid rent and for all arrears arising therefrom : but if the aforesaid rent be in arrear, in part or in whole, for one year one day beyond the term prefixed, and sufficient distress be not found for the value of the said rent, then it will be lawful for the Mayor and Wardens, for the time being, and their successors in the name of the said Commonalty, to re-enter and to re-seise into their own hands and to possess for ever in its pristine estate the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances, into whosoever hands it shall have come, without let or hindrance of the said William and John,

predictus major custodes et tota communitas et successores sui predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Willelmo et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis dicti Willelmi contra omnes gentes in forma predicta warantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presentibus indenturis tam sigillum officii majoratus portus Dovorre quam sigilla dictorum Willelmi et Johanne alternatim sunt appensa.

Data Dovorra ultimo die Decembris anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi post conquestum Anglie, undecimo.

or the heirs and assigns of the said William : and the aforesaid Mayor, the Wardens, and whole Commonalty and their successors will for ever warrant the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid William and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said William, in the form aforesaid, against all men.

In witness whereof, as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of the port of Dover as the seals of the said William and Johanna, are alternately affixed to these present indentures.

Given at Dover, the last day of December in the eleventh year of the reign of King Richard, the second after the conquest of England.

XXXVI.

vj Aprilis, 11 Ric. II.

HEC indentura testatur quod Johannes Monyn, Major portus Dovorre, et Custodes ejusdem portus, nomine et concensu tocius Communitatis ibidem concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Thome Piers et Isabelle, uxori sue, unam terram vacuum jacentem infra Libertatem Portus Dovorre in Nicholewarde, inter terram Ricardi Magote versus northest et northwest, et fallaciam maris versus southest, et terram Petri Daunce versus southwest; habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Isabelle, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde omnia servicia et onera annuatim debita et de jure consueta: Et reddend' inde annuatim dicte Communitati et eorum successoribus in auxilio ville predictae, sex denarios sterlingorum annualis redditus ad Festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste; Et *si predictum annuum redditum ultra terminum predictum aretr[o fore] licitum sit Majori et successoribus suis per servientes suos nomine dicte Communitatis in predicta terra distringere, et districciones abducere et retinere quousque de omnibus arreragiis predicti redditus plenarie fuerit satisfactum: Et si predictus annualis redditus aretro fuerit in parte vel in toto per unum annum et unum diem ultra terminum prenotatum tunc licitum sit dictis Majori et Communitati, et eorum successoribus, in predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis, in quorumcumque manus imposterum devenerit, reintrare reseisire et in statu pristino illam retinere imperpetuum, absque impedimento vel calumpnia predictorum Thome et Isabelle, heredum et assignatorum ipsius Thome: Et predictus Major et tota Communitas predicta et successores sui predictam terram cum suis

XXXVI.

6 April 1388.

THIS indenture witnesseth that John Monin, Mayor of the Port of Dover, and the Chamberlains of the said Port, in the name, and with the consent, of the whole Commonalty there, have granted and at fee farm have demised to Thomas Piers, and Isabella, his wife, one plot of vacant land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Nicholas Ward, between the land of Richard Magot to the north-east and north-west, and the sea cliff to the south-east, and the land of Peter Daunce to the south-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Thomas and Isabella, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, for ever : they performing therefore all services and burdens annually due and by right accustomed : and paying annually therefore to the said Commonalty and their successors, in aid of the said town, *6d.* sterling of annual rent, at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist : and if the aforesaid annual rent be in arrear beyond the term aforesaid, it may be lawful for the Mayor and his successors, by their serjeants in the name of the said Commonalty, to distrain on the aforesaid land, and to take away and retain distresses until they shall be fully paid for all arrears of the rent aforesaid : and if the annual rent aforesaid shall be in arrear, in part or in whole, for one year and one day beyond the term before noted, then it may be lawful for the said Mayor and Commonalty, and their successors, to re-enter, re-seise, and retain for ever in its pristine estate the aforesaid land with its appurtenances, into whosoever hands it shall come, without let or claim from the aforesaid Thomas and Isabella, or the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid Thomas : and the aforesaid Mayor and the whole Commonalty aforesaid and their successors, will for ever warrant the aforesaid land with its

pertinenciis predictis Thome et Isabelle, et assignatis ipsius Thome, in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum officii majoratus quam sigilla predictorum Thome et Isabelle presentibus indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data Dovorra sexto die Aprilis anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi post conquestum Anglie, undecimo.

appurtenances to the aforesaid Thomas and Isabella, and the assigns of the said Thomas, in the form aforesaid, against all men.

In witness whereof, as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty as the seals of the aforesaid Thomas and Isabella are alternately affixed to the present indentures.

Given at Dover on the sixth day of April, in the eleventh year of the reign of King Richard, the second after the conquest of England.

XXXVII.

ix Julii, 15 Ric. II.

NOTUM sit omnibus istam indenturam cernentibus quod Johannes Giles, Major ville Dovorre, nomine totius Communitatis ejusdem ville, tradidit ad feodi firmam Johanni Boner, naute, de Dovorra, quandam placeam terre jacentem infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Delfwarde, inter terram Johannis Monyn versus northeast, et terram Johannis Ofber versus southwest, et mesuagium dicti Johannis versus northwest, et terram heredum Petri Reade versus southeasth : habend' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum pertinenciis suis prefato Johanni, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum : faciend' inde servitium domini regis quum evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus supradicti, necnon capitali domino feodi illius omnia servicia debita inde et consueta : et reddend' inde annuatim predictae Communitati unum denarium in festo Sancti Johannis Baptiste ; et quumcunque predicta annua firma aretro fuerit aliquo anno ultra terminum predictum per unum annum tunc liceat Majori ville predictae, qui pro tempore fuerit, dictam placeam terre cum pertinenciis suis, ad quorumcumque manus inposterum devenerit, reingredi, reintrare, et pacifice possidere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum : Et predictus Major, et successores sui, ac Communitas predicta, warantizabunt predictam placeam terre cum pertinenciis prefato Johanni, heredibus et assignatis suis, in forma predicta, contra omnes gentes.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum Majoratus dicte ville quam sigillum ipsius Johannis alternatim sunt appensa huic indenture.

Data Dovorra ixmo. die Julii anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi quintodecimo.

XXXVII.

9 July 1391.

BE it known to all seeing this indenture that John Giles, Mayor of the town of Dover, in the name of the whole Commonalty of the said town, has delivered at fee farm to John Boner, sailor, of Dover, a certain plot of land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Delf Ward, between the land of John Monin to the north-east, and the land of John Ofber to the south-west, and the messuage of the said John to the north-west, and the land of the heirs of Peter Reade to the south-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, for ever: he performing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port above mentioned, also all services due and accustomed therefor to the capital lord of that fee: and paying therefore annually to the aforesaid Commonalty 1*d.* at the Feast of S. John the Baptist: and whenever the aforesaid annual farm shall be in arrear in any year beyond the term aforesaid for one year, then it may be lawful for the Mayor of the said town for the time being to go in, re-enter, and peaceably possess for ever, for himself and his successors, the said plot of land with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it shall have come: and the aforesaid Mayor and his successors, and the Commonalty aforesaid, will warrant the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, in the form aforesaid, against all men.

In witness whereof, the seal of the Mayoralty of Dover, as well as the seal of the said John, are alternately affixed to this indenture.

Given at Dover the ninth day of July in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Richard the Second.

XXXVIII.

i Maii, 15 Ric. II.

NOVERINT universi presens scriptum inspecturi quod ita convenit inter Abbatem et Conventum Sancte Radegundis ex una parte, et Ricardum Petyt de Dovorra ex altera, videlicet quod dicti Abbas et Conventus remiserunt et pro se et successoribus suis quietum clamaverunt dicto Ricardo Petyt omnimodas acciones quas habuerunt in repositione cujusdam placee terre cum pertinenciis suis jacentis infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in halvendenneswarde, capitantis ad viam vocatam blais lane versus southeast, et ad mesuagium Ricardi Plomer versus northeast, latitudine ad tenementum heredum Walteri Acrise versus south, et ad mesuagium prefati Ricardi Petyt versus north, quam quidem placeam cum pertinenciis suis predicti Abbas et Conventus quondam perquisierunt de Rogero de Sketmansteghe et postea tradiderunt et concesserunt Thome Bonquer ut plene liquet per indenturas inde factas, quam etiam placeam cum pertinenciis suis prefato Ricardo Petyt et Johanne uxori sue concesserunt et per presens scriptum confirmaverunt: habend' et tenend' totam predictam placeam terre cum domibus muris et arboribus desuper stantibus et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis prefato Ricardo Petyt et Johanne uxori sue heredibus et assignatis prefati Ricardi Petyt de dictis Abbate et Conventu et successoribus suis imperpetuum: reddend' inde annuatim super dictam placeam prenominate Abbati et Conventui et eorum successoribus duos solidos sterlingorum liberi redditus, videlicet ad Pascham duodecim denarios, et ad Festum Sancti Michelis duodecim denarios, pro omnibus serviciis dictis Abbati et Conventui debitis: et faciend' pro predictis Abbate et Conventu secundum consuetudinem Portus Dovorre servicium domini Regis quociens venerit: et sciend' est quod quocienscumque predictus redditus duorum solidorum suis terminis non fuerit solutus, licebit prefatis Abbati et Conventui et successoribus suis per

XXXVIII.

1 May 1392.

Know all who shall see this present writing that it was thus agreed between the Abbot and Convent of Saint Radegund on the one part, and Richard Petit of Dover on the other, viz., that the said Abbot and Convent have remitted and, for themselves and their successors, have quit-claimed to the said Richard Petit every action which they had for the repossession of a certain plot of land with its appurtenances lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Halvendenne Ward abutting on the road called Blais Lane to the south-east, and the messuage of Richard Plomer to the north-east, alongside the tenement of the heirs of Walter Acrise to the south, and the messuage of the aforesaid Richard Petit to the north, which plot with its appurtenances the aforesaid Abbot and Convent formerly acquired from Roger de Sketmansteghe, and afterwards let and granted to Thomas Bonquer, as fully appears by the indentures made on that behalf, which plot of land with its appurtenances they also granted to the aforesaid Richard Petit and Johanna, his wife, and by the present writing have confirmed; to have and to hold all the aforesaid plot of land, with houses, walls, and trees standing thereon, and with all its other appurtenances, to the aforesaid Richard Petit and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the aforesaid Richard Petit, from the said Abbot and Convent and their successors for ever: he paying therefor annually for the said plot to the afore-mentioned Abbot and Convent and their successors, 2 *sh.* sterling of free rent, viz., at Easter, 12*d.*, and at the Feast of Saint Michael, 12*d.*, for all services due to the said Convent; and performing for the said Abbot and Convent the service of the Lord King as often as it arises, according to the custom of the Port of Dover: and be it known that as often as the aforesaid rent shall not be paid at its terms, it shall be lawful for the aforesaid Abbot and Convent and their successors, by them-

se vel per attornatum suum predictam placeam cum pertinenciis suis et totum mesuagium predicti Ricardi Petyt quod habet eidem placee annexum, in quorumcumque manus in posterum devenerint, intrare distringere districciones abducere et penes se detinere quousque de dicto redditu et ejus arreragiis plenarie fuerit satisfactum : et ad hoc faciend' predictus Ricardus Petyt si fuerit necesse concedit pro se heredibus et assignatis suis per presens scriptum prenominitis Abbati et Conventui et eorum successoribus ac etiam eorum attornato tam in mesuagium suum antedictum quam in predictam placeam liberum ingressum et egressum : et predicti Abbas et Conventus et successores sui totam predictam placeam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis prefato Ricardo Petyt et Johanne uxori sue heredibus et assignatis ipsius Ricardi contra omnes gentes warrantizabunt imperpetuum.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem huic scripto in modum cyrographi confecto partes predictae alternatim sigilla sua apposuerunt, cujus una pars signata sigillo communidictorum Abbatis et Conventus Sancte Radegundis residet penes prefatum Ricardum Petyt et Johannam uxorem suam, altera vero parte signata sigillo ipsius Ricardi Petyt penes eosdem Abbatem et Conventum residente.

Data quo ad prefatum Ricardum apud Dovorram primo die mensis Maii. Anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi Anglie quintodecimo.

Hiis testibus, Johanne atte Halle, tunc Majore ; Johanne Gerold, Ballivo ; Ricardo Arnold ; Johanne Lord ; Ricardo Plomer ; Willelmo Engeland ; Johanne Bordyn, pistore ; Johanne Lade ; Roberto Wyt, et aliis multis.

selves or by their attorney, to enter and distrain the aforesaid plot with its appurtenances, and the whole messuage of the aforesaid Richard Petit which he has close to the said plot, into whomsoever's hands they shall in future have come, to lead away and detain in their hands the distresses until it shall be fully satisfied for the said rent and its arrears : and for doing this, if it shall be necessary, the aforesaid Richard Petit for himself, his heirs and assigns, grants free ingress and egress to the aforesaid Abbot and Convent and their successors, and also to their attorney, not only to the messuage aforesaid but also to the plot aforesaid : and the aforesaid Abbot and Convent and their successors will for ever warrant all the aforesaid plot of land with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid Richard Petit and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Richard, against all men.

In testimony and faith of all which the parties aforesaid have alternately affixed their seals to this deed drawn up in the form of a chirograph, one part of which, signed with the common seal of the said Abbot and Convent of Saint Rade-gund, shall remain in the hands of Richard Petit aforesaid and Johanna, his wife, the other part, signed with the seal of said Richard Petit, remaining in the hands of the said Abbot and Convent.

Given by the said Richard at Dover in first day of the month of May in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Richard, the second of England.

Witnesses : John atte Halle, then Mayor ; John Gerold, Bailiff ; Richard Arnold ; John Lord ; Richard Plomer ; William England ; John Bordyn, baker ; John Lade ; Robert Wit, and many others.

The seal of the Convent remains.

XXXIX.

xj Junii, 15 Ric. II.

CONUTZ chose soit a toutz gentz, que come le marsdi en la feste de Seint Barnabe lappostel, lan du regne le Roi Richard Seconde Dengleterre quinszisme, en pleyne Brodhulle a Romene tenuz par les Mairs Baillyves Jures et Communers illoesques a ceo par lour commune assent assemblees estoit lieu une endenture en cestes paroles.

Conutz chose soit a toutz ceste escript endente veiauntz ou oyaunt que come grauntz debates estoient moeves parentre les Barouns des Cynke Portz et lour membres par resoun des taillages assises et paiementz et altres diverses charges et costages sorvent escheiauntz entre eaux, Des quelx (qūx) debates nulle certains allouauntz ne amendementz neyent este ordeigne ne faitz de sa in ariere a graund damage de eux toutz al darrein le marsdy proschein apres la feste de Seint Dunstan, lan du regne le Roi Edwarde fitz le Roi Henri trencisme quinte en pleyne Court de Schepeweye devaunt Sieur Henri de Cobeham adonque gardeyn des Cynke Portz acouvenutz est et assentuz entre eaux de bone volunte que toutz les dettes dewes avaunt celle marsdy avauntidis sicome pluys pleynement est contenuz en une chartre dacompte parentre le dit nostre seigneur le Roi et les Barouns des Cynk Portz soient levez par porcioun cest assavoir la porte de Hasting la tierce partie et la porte de Romenalle et de Dovorre la tierce partie la porte de Sandwiche et de Hethe la tierce partie : issint neporquaunt que trestoutz les paiementz assises et taillages et altres diverses charges et costages que sount a graunter ou a lever entre eux ou par eux en quele manere ou en quele fourme que ceo soit ou par quele chose que de cele marsdi en avaunt soient levez par chateux et par moebles de les cestes que les devient dedeins la fraunchise de Cynk Portz, issint que chescun

XXXIX.

June 11, 1392.

BE it known unto all men, that whereas on Tuesday the Feast of Saint Barnabas the Apostle, in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Richard, the second of England, an indenture was presented in full Brodhulle, held at Romney by the Mayors, Bailiffs, Jurats and Commoners, for that purpose, by their common assent there assembled, in these words: "Be it known unto all them that shall see or hear this written indenture, that whereas great debates were moved between the Barons of the Cinque Ports and their Limbs, by reason of the taxes, assises, and payments, and other divers charges and expenses, that did oftentimes fall due among them, the cause of such debates being that, to the great damage of them all, no fixed allowances or amendments had been ordained or made from this present backward to a certain Tuesday next after the Feast of Saint Dunstan, in the *fifth year of King Edward, the son of King Henry the Third, when in full Court of Shepwaye, before Lord Henry de Cobham, then Warden of the Cinque Ports, it was covenanted and agreed between them in full accord that all the debts due before that Tuesday before mentioned, as more fully is contained in a Charter of Accounts between the said Lord our King and the Barons of the Cinque Ports, should be levied by apportionment; that is, to wit, the Port of Hastings a third part, and the Port of Romney with that of Dover a third part, and the Port of Sandwich with that of Hythe a third part: so, nevertheless, that the entire payments, assises, taxes, and other divers charges and costs, which may be granted or levied amongst them or by them, in whatsoever form or manner it may be, or for whatsoever cause, shall from the said Tuesday henceforward be levied upon the chattels and moveables of them that owe them within the Franchise of the Cinque Ports: in such sort that each man

* 27th October 1276.

homme porte sa charge owelement de ceo quil avera salve par le dite fraunchise de Cynk Portz salve neporquant les costages a mettre en le service nostre seigneur le Roi dewe a luy en sa guerre de quele service chescune porte est de droit tenuz a soun certain. Et si nulle promesse se face de ceo jour en avaunt saunz assent de trestoutz les Cynk Portz que celle promesse soit al peril as costages de celluy ou de ceux que fra ou ferrount la promesse et si nulle taillage assise ou paiement ou autres charges ou costages de ceste jour en avaunt aviesnent par lour assent encountre la fourme de ceste escript avauntedit que celle taillage assise ou paiement ne face prejudice a ceste escript avaunt nome mes que ceste escript desuysdit se tiegne en sa force a toutz jours. En tesmoignance de quele chose nous avaunteditz Barouns de Cynk Portz cest assavoir Hastins, Wynchelse, Rye, Pevense, Romene, Hethe, Dovorre, Sandwich, ffordwyche, et ffeveresham pur nous et pur toutz noz membres avoms a ceste escript endente pendutz nos communes sealx.

Sur quoi par avys et bon deliberacon des Mairs Baillyves Jures et Communalte avaunt nomez accorde se prist a duret de ceste jour en avaunt cestassavoir que qaunt ascun des Maires Baillyves Jures Communalte ou singuler persone dascun des ditz villes ou membres des Cynke Portz soit ou soient enpeches ou enpledes enpledent ou enpechent ascun autre denzein ou foreyn, et en les ditz enpechement ou plee moeves dunc part ou dautre debat ou travers soit dascun point ou clause contenuz en lour commune chartre ou dascun point touchaunt leurs communes usages ou fraunchises soit meyntenaunt Brodhulle assigne al requeste del ville ou membre communalte ou singuler persone que soi sent greve A quele Brodhulle chescune ville ou membre que de custume doit venir par sommons ou sarvisement al dite Brodhulle et ne vigne mye come venir duist, et coment qil viegne ne fait mye due contribucioun a ceo que la greindre partie de la dite Brodhulle voet assentien encourse la peyne de vynt

bear his charge proportionally to that which he hath, the Franchise of the Cinque Ports excepted, excepted also the cost of his performing his service to our Lord the King, due to him in his wars, for which service each port is of right bound in a fixed sum : and if any promise be made from that day forward without the assent of every the Cinque Ports, then that promise is to be at the peril and costs of him or them that make or shall make the promise : and if any tax, assise, or payment, or other charges or costs, from that day forward, shall be assessed by their consent against the form of this the aforesaid indenture, that such tax, assise, or payment, shall not enure to the prejudice of this the aforesaid indenture, but that this the above said indenture shall remain in force for ever. In witness whereof we the aforesaid Barons of the Cinque Ports, to wit of Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye, Pevensea, Romney, Hythe, Dover, Sandwich, Fordwich, and Faversham, for ourselves and for all our Limbs, have appended our common seals to this written indenture." Whereupon, by the advice and good deliberation of the Mayors, Bailiffs, Jurats, and Commonalties before named, it was agreed to be in force from this day forward, to wit, that when any of the Mayors, Bailiffs, Jurats, Commonalties, or singular persons of any of the said towns or Limbs of the Cinque Ports be, or may be impeached, impleaded, implead or impeach any other indweller or foreigner, and in the said impeachment or plea moved by one party or the other, issue or traverse be raised upon any point or clause contained in their common charter, or upon any point touching their common usages or franchises, let a Brodhulle be thereupon forthwith assigned at the demand of the Town, Limb, Commonalty, or individual which feels itself aggrieved : to the which Brodhulle each town or limb that of custom ought to come by summons or notice to the said Brodhulle, and cometh not as it ought to come, and, albeit it cometh, yet maketh not due contribution unto that whereunto the greater part of the said Brodhulle is willing to assent, shall incur the penalty of

livres outre ses autres duytes a lever en mesme la manere come dette advise a la suyte des cune partie des dites villes ou membres envers ascun autre partie demourant en altre ville est a lever.

En tesmoignaunce de quele chose nous avaunteditz Barouns des Cynke Portz cestassavoir Hastings, Wynchelse, Rye, Pevense, Romene, Hethe, Dovorre, Sandwiche, ffordwiche, et ffeveresham pur nous et pur tontz noz membres avoms a ceste escript endente pendutz noz communes sealx.

twenty pounds, above its other dues, to be levied in the same manner as a debt duly found owing at the suit of any party of the said town or limbs against any other party dwelling in another town is to be levied.

In testimony whereof we the aforesaid Barons of the Cinque Ports, to wit, Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye, Pevensea, Romney, Hythe, Dover, Sandwich, Fordwich, and Faversham, for us, and for all our Limbs, have appended to this written indenture our common seals.

The seals of Hastings, Winchelsea, Rye, Romney, Hythe, and Sandwich, remain in fair order.

XL.

xiiij Augusti, 16 Ric. II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego dominus Thomas Wyte, rector ecclesie parochialis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Dovorre, dedi concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi, Thome atte Crouche et Johanne, uxori sue, duos solidos liberi et annualis redditus provenientes de quodam mesuagio cum pertinenciis suis infra libertatem portus Dovorre in seintemariwarde, inter regiam stratam versus south et easth, et tenementum Thome Combe carbonarii versus westh, et cimiterium ecclesie parochialis Sancti Petri Dovorre versus north: habend' et tenend' dictos duos solidos liberi et annualis redditus prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum. Et ego predictus dominus Thomas et successores mei futuri rectores dicte ecclesie dictos duos solidos liberi et annualis redditus prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra xiiijmo. die Augusti anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi sexto decimo.

Hiis testibus, Johanne atte Halle, tunc Majore; Johanne Gerold, tunc Ballivo; Johanne Evbroke; Thoma Lorde; Nicholao Spisour; Willemo Spisour; Willemo Yngelond; et aliis.

X L.

14 August 1392.

KNOW all present and future that I, Sir Thomas Wite, Rector of the Parish Church of S. John the Baptist, Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Thomas atte Crouche and Johanna, his wife, 2 sh. of free and annual rent arising from a certain messuage with its appurtenances within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, in S. Mary Ward, between the King's highway to the south and east, and the tenement of Thomas Combe, coal merchant, to the west, and the cemetery of the Parish Church of S. Peter, Dover, to the north : to have and to hold the said 2 sh. of free and annual rent to the aforesaid Thomas and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for ever : and I, the aforesaid Sir Thomas and my successors, the future Rectors of the said Church, will for ever warrant the said 2 sh. of free and annual rent to the aforesaid Thomas and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, against all men.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this present charter.

Given at Dover the fourteenth day of August in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Richard the Second.

Witnesses : John at Hall, then Mayor ; John Gerold, then Bailiff ; John Evebroke ; Thomas Lorde ; Nicholas Spisour ; William Spisour ; William England ; and others.

A perfect seal remains.

X L I.

xij Septembris, 16 Ric. II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Palmer, Capellanus, et Thomas Merton de Dovorra, dedimus, concessimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Thome Crouche de Dovorra duos solidos liberi et annualis redditus, quos nuper habuimus [de dono] et feofamento Agnetis quondam uxoris Ricardi Clerk de Dovorra [provenient]es de quadam [placea terre cum pertinentiis] suis infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in [*Bikkinew]ard inter terram heredum Jacobi Mason versus southeast, et regiam stratam versus northeast, et terram heredum Johannis atte Melle versus northwest : [Habend'] et tenend' dictos duos solidos liberi et annualis redditus prefato Thome, heredibus et assignatis, suis imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte [sigilla nostra] apposuimus.

Datum Dovorra xii^o die Septembris anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi * sexadecimo.

Hiis testibus, Johanne Giles, tunc Majore ; Johanne Gerold, tunc B[allivo] ; Johanne Monyn ; Johanne atte Halle ; Johanne Strete ; et aliis.

* The name of the ward is given on the back of Charter in a later handwriting.

X L I.

12 September 1392.

Know all present and future that we, John Palmer, Chaplain, and Thomas Merton, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas Crouche, of Dover, 2 sh. of free and annual rent, which we lately had [by the gift] and feoffment of Agnes, formerly the wife of Richard Clark of Dover, [arising] from a certain [plot of land with its appurtenances] within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in [Bikkin W]ard, between the land of the heirs of James Mason to the south-east, and the King's highway to the north-east, and the land of the heirs of John at Mill to the north-west : [To have] and to hold the said 2 sh. of free and annual rent to the aforesaid Thomas, his heirs and assigns, for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed [our seals] to this present charter.

Given at Dover the twelfth day of September in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Richard the Second.

Witnesses : John Giles, then Mayor ; John Gerold, then Bailiff ; John Monin ; John at Hall ; John Strete ; and others.

Two perfect seals remain.

XLII.

xvj Aprilis, 19 Ric. II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Beneyt, et Thomas Coumbe, clerici, Henricus Petham, et Johannes Petham, de Dovorra, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra indentata, confirmavimus, Johanni Wylle, corveyser, de Dovorra, et Alicie, uxori ejus, quodam tenementum nostrum cum suis pertinenciis scituatum infra libertatem portus Dovorre in halvendelwarde, videlicet, inter regiam stratam versus southest, et quandam venellam versus northest, et tenementum Willelmi Knotte versus southwest et northwest: habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni Wylle et Alicie, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johanni Wylle imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti: Et reddend' inde annuatim predictis Johanni Beneyt, Thome, Henrico, et Johanni filio ejusdem Henrici, heredibus et assignatis suis in festo Natale domini quadraginta denarios sterlingorum: Et si contingat predictum redditum ad terminum predictum in parte vel in toto aliquo anno aretro existere extunc liceat eisdem Johanni Beneyt, Thome, Henrico, et Johanni filio ejusdem Henrici, heredibus et assignatis suis in predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis distringere, et districciones captas abducere et penes se retinere quousque de predicto redditu sic aretro existente una cum dampnis occasione detencionis dicti redditus habitis plenarie fuerit satisfactum: et si contingat predictum redditum aretro esse in parte vel in toto per unum annum et unum diem, extunc liceat predictis Johanni Beneyt, Thome, Henrico, et Johanni filio ejusdem Henrici, heredibus et assignatis suis in predictum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis reintrare, et illud imperpetuum penes se habere et assignatos suos in pristino statu pacifice possidere: Et nos predicti Johannes Beneyt, Thomas, Henricus, et Johannes Petham, et heredes nostri predictum tenementum cum aliis omnibus pertinenciis suis

XLII.

16 April 1396.

Know all present and future that we, John Beneit and Thomas Coumbe, clerks, Henry Petham, and John Petham, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this our present indented charter, have confirmed to John Wille, shoemaker, of Dover, and Alice, his wife, a certain tenement of ours with its appurtenances situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Halvendel Ward, viz., between the King's highway to the south-east, and a certain lane to the north-east, and the tenement of William Knotte to the south-west and north-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Wille and Alice, the heirs and assigns of the said John Wille, for ever : he performing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall hap, according to the custom of the port aforesaid : and paying therefor annually to the aforesaid John Beneit, Thomas, Henry, and John, son of the said Henry, their heirs and assigns, at the Feast of Christmas, 4*od.* sterling : and if it shall happen that the aforesaid rent shall be in arrear in any year in part or in whole at the said term, it shall then be lawful for the said John Beneit, Thomas, Henry, and John, the son of the said Henry, their heirs and assigns, to distrain on the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances, and to carry off the distresses taken, and to retain them in their hands until the rent aforesaid being in arrear, together with the damages caused by the detention of the said rent, be fully paid : and if it occurs that the said rent be in arrear in part or in whole for one year and one day, then it is lawful for the said John Beneit, Thomas, Henry, and John, the son of the said Henry, their heirs and assigns, to re-enter the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances, and to have and peacefully possess it in its pristine estate for ever for themselves and their assigns : and we, the aforesaid John Beneit, Thomas, Henry, and John Petham, and our heirs, will for ever warrant the aforesaid tenement with all

predictis Johanni Wylle et Alicie, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis Wylle, in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presentibus cartis indentatis partes predictae sigilla alternatim apposuerunt.

Data Dovorra sexto decimo die Aprilis anno regni Regis Ricardi, secundi Anglie, decimo nono.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Monyn, tunc Majore Dovorre; Johanne Gerold; Willelmo Spysour; Thoma Lorde; Thoma Lulk; Willelmo Knotte; Ricardo Sedenore; et aliis.

other its appurtenances to the said John Wille and Alice, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said John in the form aforesaid, against all men.

In witness whereof the parties aforesaid have alternately affixed their seals to these present indented charters.

Given at Dover the sixteenth day of April in the nineteenth year of the reign of King Richard the Second.

Witnesses : John Monin, then Mayor of Dover ; John Gerold ; William Spisour ; Thomas Lord ; Thomas Lulk ; William Knotte ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

XLIII.

ij Julii, 22 Ric. II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Nicholaus Hawte, miles, dedi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Simoni Passemer, capellano, unum tenementum cum pertinentiis situatum infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Horspolewarde, videlicet, inter tenementum Johannis Gerold versus northest et southest, et tenementum Willelmi Cooke versus southwest, et inter regiam stratam versus northwest : habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis prefato Simoni, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : Et ego, predictus Nicholaus et heredes mei, predictum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis predicto Simoni, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra secundo die Julii anno regni Regis Ricardi secundo Anglie vicesimo secundo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Strete, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Edwardo ffemenyr [?], Ballivo ; Johanne ate Halle ; Johanne Giles ; Johanne Evebroke ; Nicholao Spisour ; Henrico Merle ; Thoma Lulk ; Henrico Petham ; Willelmo Hanecok ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

XLIII.

2 July 1398.

KNOW all present and future that I, Nicholas Hawte, knight, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, confirmed to Simon Passemer, chaplain, one tenement with its appurtenances situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Horsepool Ward, viz., between the tenement of John Gerold to the north-east and south-east, and the tenement of William Cooke to the south-west, and between the King's highway to the north-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid Simon, his heirs and assigns, for ever : he performing therefor the service of the lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid for all other services and demands : and I, the aforesaid Nicholas and my heirs, will for ever warrant the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid Simon, his heirs and assigns, against all men.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover the second day of July in the twenty-second year of the reign of King Richard, the second of England.

Witnesses : John Strete, then Mayor of Dover ; Edward Faemenir, Bailiff ; John at Hall ; John Giles ; John Evebroke ; Nicholas Spisour ; Henry Merle ; Thomas Lulk ; Henry Petham ; William Hanecok ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

XLIV.

Die Sancti Laurentii, 1 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Aleyn, et Henricus Aleyn frater meus, de Stanforde, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Thome ate Crowche de Dovorra reversionem dimidie acre terre jacentis in Casteldane juxta Cophelle, videlicet, inter terram Johannis Gilis versus west, et terram Thome Robeshone versus northe, et terram quondam Stephani Clerke versus east, et inter terram dicti Thome Crowche versus southe, que quidem dimidia acra terre post decessum Johanne uxoris dicti Thome ate Crowche nobis dictis Johanni et Henrico jure hereditario accidere deberet: habend' et tenend' reversionem dicte dimidie acre terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis cum acciderit post decessum prefate Johanne predicto Thome ate Crowche, heredibus et assignatis ejus imperpetuum, de capitalibus suis dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. Et nos predicti Johannes et Henricus, et heredes nostri, reversionem dicte dimidie acre terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis cum acciderit ut prefertur predicto Thome ate Crowche, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra die Sancti Laurentii anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie, primo.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Gilis, tunc Majore Dovorre; Johanne Gerold, Ballivo; Nicholao Spisour; Johanne Evebroke; Ricardo ate Berghe; Johanne Hamone; Johanne Sandercoke; Petro Gustone; Ricardo Sedenore; et aliis.

XLIV.

10 August 1400.

Know all present and future that we, John Alein, and Henry Alein, my brother, of Stanforde, have given, granted, and by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche of Dover, the reversion of half an acre of land lying in Castledane, near Cophill, viz., between the land of John Giles to the west, and the land of Thomas Robeshone to the north, and late the land of Stephen Clerke to the east, and between the land of the said Thomas Crouche to the south, which half acre of land indeed after the decease of Johanna, the wife of the said Thomas at Crouche, should fall to us the said John and Henry by hereditary right : to have and to hold the reversion of the said half acre of land, with all its appurtenances, when it shall fall in after the decease of the aforesaid Johanna to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche, his heirs and assigns for ever, from the capital lords of that fee by the services due therefrom and by right accustomed ; and we the aforesaid John and Henry, and our heirs, will warrant the reversion of the said half acre of land with all its appurtenances when it shall fall in, as is before said, to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover on Saint Lawrence's day, in the first year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth after the conquest of England.

Witnesses : John Giles, then Mayor of Dover ; John Gerold, Bailiff ; Nicholas Spisour ; John Evebroke ; Richard at Berghe ; John Hamon ; John Sandercocke ; Peter Guston ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

XLV.

xij Octobris, 2 Henry IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Giles, de Dovorra, dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome ate Crouche, de Dovorra, et Johanne, uxori ejus, unam acram et dimidiam acram terre cum suis pertinenciis jacentem in parochia de Cherlton apud Holstrete, videlicet, inter terram dicti Thome versus south, et terram Prioratus Dovorre versus east, et terram Henrici Merle versus west, et inter terram [quondam] Ricardi ate Berghe versus north : habend' et tenend' dictam acram et dimidiam acram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum de capitali domino feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta : et ego predictus Johannes et heredes mei predictam acram et dimidiam acram terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Cherlton duodecimo die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum Anglie secundo.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo ate Berghe ; Henrico Merle ; Johanne Sandercock ; Johanne Hamone ; Henrico Hollane ; et aliis.

XLV.

12 October 1400.

KNOW all present and future that I, John Giles, of Dover, have given, granted, and by this my present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, one acre and a half of land, with its appurtenances, lying in the parish of Charlton at Holstreet, viz., between the land of the said Thomas to the south, and the land of the Priory of Dover to the east, and the land of Henry Merle to the west, and between late the land of Richard at Berghe to the north : to have and to hold the said acre and half acre, with their appurtenances, to the said Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever, from the capital lord of that fee by the services due therefrom and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid John, and my heirs, will warrant the aforesaid acre and half acre of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Cherlton the twelfth day of October in the second year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Richard at Berghe ; Henry Merle ; John Sandercock ; John Hamon ; Henry Hollane ; and others.

XLVI.

xv Octobris, 3 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Thomas de Dovorra, et Margeria, uxor mea, dedimus concessimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Thome atte Crouche de Dovorra, et Johanne, uxori ejus, unum ortum terre cum pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Horsepolewarde, inter pratum predicti Johannis versus southeast, et regiam stratam versus northeast, et aquam domini regis juxta terram nuper Petri Reade versus northwest, et inter pratum Prioris et Conventus Sancti Martini Dovorre versus southwest : habend' et tenend' predictum ortum terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis prefato Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servcium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti, necnon capitalibus dominis feodi illius servicia inde debita et de jure consueta : Et nos prefati Johannes Thomas, et Margeria, et heredes mei dicti Johannis predictum ortum terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome ate Crouche, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra quinto decimo die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici, iijti. post conquestum Anglie, tercio.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Gilis, tunc Majore, Dovorre ; Johanne Gerold, Ballivo ; Thoma Lorde ; Johanne Gartone ; Johanne Robert ; Johanne Milis ; Petro Liefe ; Willelmo Hanecoke ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

XLVI.

15 October 1401.

KNOW all present and future that we, John Thomas of Dover, and Margery, my wife, have given, granted, and by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas atte Crouche of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, one orchard of land, with appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Horsepool Ward, between the meadow of the said John to the south-east, and the King's highway to the north-east, and the water of the Lord King near the land lately Peter Reade's to the north-west, and between the meadow of the Prior and Convent of Saint Martin, Dover, to the south-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid orchard of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas atte Crouche and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever : they performing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall according to the custom of the port aforesaid, also to the capital lords of that fee the services due therefor and by right accustomed : and we, the aforesaid John Thomas and Margery, and the heirs of me, the said John, will warrant the aforesaid orchard of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas atte Crouche and Johanna, his wife, and the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas atte Crouche, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover the fifteenth day of October in the third year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : John Giles, then Mayor of Dover ; John Gerold, Bailiff ; Thomas Lorde ; John Garton ; John Robert ; John Milis ; Peter Liefe ; William Hanecok ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

A perfect seal remains.

XLVII.

I.

ij Novembris, 4 Hen. IV.

Hec est finalis concordia facta in Curia domini regis tenta in Portu Dovorre, secundo die Novembris anno regni Regis Henrici, iiii^a post conquestum Anglie, quarto, coram Petro Reade, Majore Dovorre; Patricio Saintoweyn, Ballivo; Johanne Evebroke, Roberto Aleyn, Juratis; et aliis dicti domini regis fidelibus tunc ibidem congregatis, inter Thomam ate Crouche et Johannam, uxorem ejus, ex parte una, querentes, et Johannem Court et Margeriam, ejus uxorem, ex parte altera, deforciantes, de uno tenemento cum edificiis et aliis pertinentiis suis, scituato in Dovorra in Syngelswarde unde placitum convencionis summonitum fuit inter eosdem in dicta curia: Ita, videlicet, quod predicti Johannes Court et Margeria, summoniti, venerunt, et recognoverunt dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsorum Thome et Johanne, uxoris ejus, et illud eis remiserrunt et quietam-clamaverunt: tenend' et habend' eisdem Thome et Johanne, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, libere et quiete imperpetuum: Preterea concesserunt iidem Johannes et Margeria pro se et heredibus ejusdem Johannis quod ipsi warantizabunt dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis prefatis Thome et Johanne, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes imperpetuum.

II.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Court de Dovorra, Margeria, uxor mea, et Martha, mater ejusdem Margerie, dedimus, concessimus, et, hac presenti carta, nostra confirmavimus Thome ate Crouche de Dovorra et Johanne, uxori ejus, unum tenementum cum suis pertinentiis scituatum infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Syngelswarde, videlicet, inter tenementum Thome Lord versus

XLVII.

I.

2 November 1402.

THIS is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lord King, held in the Port of Dover on the second day of November in the fourth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest, before Peter Reade, Mayor of Dover ; Patrick Saint Owen, Bailiff ; John Evebroke, Robert Alein, Jurats ; and others of the said king's lieges there assembled : between Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, on the one part, complainants ; and John Court and Margery, his wife, on the other part, deforciantes ; for a tenement, with buildings and its other appurtenances, situated in Dover in Singels Ward—on which behalf a plea for breach of covenant was issued between them in the said court, so that, to wit, the said John Court and Margery, being summoned, came, and acknowledged the said tenement with its appurtenances to be the right of the said Thomas and Johanna, his wife, and remitted and quit-claimed it to them, to have and to hold to the said Thomas and Johanna, their heirs and assigns, freely and quietly for ever : Moreover, the said John and Margery granted for themselves, and the heirs of the said John, that they will warrant the said tenement with its appurtenances to the said Thomas and Johanna, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

II.

KNOW all men present and future that we, John Court, of Dover, and Margery, my wife, and Martha, the mother of the said Margery, have given, granted, and, by virtue of this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, a tenement with its appurtenances situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Syngel Ward, viz., between the tenement of

northeast, et tenementum quod nuper fuit Willelmi Clerke versus southwest, et tenementum Johannis Robert versus northwest, et inter regiam stratam versus southeast, quod quidem tenementum nuper adquisivimus de Thoma Kyngestone et Constancia, uxore sua : habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum cum edificiis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis prefatis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : Et nos predicti Johannes Court, et Margeria, ac Martha, et heredes mei dicti Johannis Court, dictum tenementum cum edificiis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra secundo die Novembris anno regni Regis Henrici, iiij^{ti} post conquestum Anglie, quarto.

Hiis testibus : Petro Reade, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Patricio Seyntoweyn, Ballivo ; Johanne Garton ; Thoma Lorde ; Johanne Robert ; Johanne Nichole ; Willelmo Gilis ; Johanne Jay ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

Thomas Lord to the north-east, and the tenement which was lately William Clerk's to the south-west, and the tenement of John Robert to the north-west, and between the King's highway to the south-east, which tenement indeed we lately acquired from Thomas Kingestone and Constance, his wife : to have and to hold the tenement aforesaid, with buildings and with all other its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, to the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever : he performing therefor the service of the lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid for all other services and demands : and we, the aforesaid John Court, and Margery, and Martha, and the heirs of me, the said John Court, will warrant the said tenement, with buildings and all other its appurtenances, to Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover on the second day of November in the fourth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Peter Reade, then Mayor of Dover ; Patrick Saint Owen, Bailiff ; John Garton ; Thomas Lorde ; John Roberts ; John Nichole ; William Giles ; John Jay ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

The seals remain in a perfect state.

XLVIII.

xvij Junii, 4 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Willelmus Ger***, alias vocatus Harpele, de Seinte Mergretelenne in Comitatu Northfolcie, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Johanni Petham de Dovorra, totam propartem meam unius quarterii ordeï palme perpetue et annualis firme exurgentis annuatim de duabus acris terre Alexandri Nealot de Dovorra, jacentibus in parochia de Hugham, et tenura de Syberstone, videlicet, inter terram heredum Marthe Borgeys versus easte et northe, et inter terram Thome ate Halle versus weste et southe, que quidem propars ordeï in jure hereditario per mortem Roberti Harpele, quondam fratris mei, nuper accidebat : habend' et percipiend' totam dictam propartem meam dicti quarterii ordeï firme prefato Johanni, heredibus et suis assignatis, imperpetuum ad servicium inde solucionis debitum et consuetum juxta tenorem quarundem indenturarum inter prefatos Alexandrum et Robertum inde confectarum fideliter annuatim solvendum : et ego, Willelmus antedictus et heredes mei totam meam dictam propartem dicti quarterii ordeï firme prenominato Johanni, heredibus et suis assignatis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data apud Syberstone decimo septimo die Junii anno regni Regis Henrici, iiijⁱ post conquestum Anglie quarto.

Hiis testibus : Thoma Gilis ; Thoma ate Halle ; Alexandro Chilyndene ; Johanne Mayster ; Edmundo Marchal ; et aliis.

XLVIII.

17 June 1403.

KNOW all present and future that I, William Ger . . . , alias Harpele, of Saint Margaretlenne in the County of Norfolk, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to John Petham, of Dover, my whole pourparty of one quarter of palm-barley of the perpetual and annual rent arising yearly from the two acres of land of Alexander Nealot, of Dover, lying in the parish of Hougham, and in the tenure of Siberston, viz., between the land of the heirs of Martha Borgeis to the east and north, and between the land of Thomas at Hall to the west and south, which certain pourparty of barley lately fell in to me by hereditary right by the death of Robert Harpele, formerly my brother : to have and to receive the whole my said pourparty of the farm of the said quarter of barley to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, for ever : on the payment of the service of discharge therefrom due and accustomed, according to tenour of certain charters executed on that behalf between the said Alexander and Robert : and I, William aforesaid, and my heirs, will warrant the whole of my said pourparty of the farm of the said quarter of barley to the aforementioned John, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Siberstone on the seventeenth day of June in the fourth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth after the conquest of England.

Witnesses : Thomas Giles ; Thomas atte Halle ; Alexander Chilynden ; John Maister ; Edmund Marchal ; and others.

XLIX.

iij Januarii, 5 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Johannes Wille, corveiser, dedi concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome ate Crouche de Dovorra unum tenementum cum suis pertinenciis situatum infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Halvendenwarde, scilicet, inter regiam stratam versus south-east, et quandam communem venellam versus northeast, et tenementum Willelmi Knotte versus southwest et northwest, quod quidem tenementum nuper adquisivi de Johanne Beneyt et Thoma Coumbe, clericis, Henrico Petham et Johanne Petham : habend' et tenend' dictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Thome ate Crouche heredibus et suis assignatis imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti, ac etiam capitalibus dominis feodi illius servicia inde debita et de jure consueta : Et ego predictus Johannes Wille et heredes mei dictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predicto Thome ate Crouche heredibus et suis assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra tercio die Januarii anno regni Regis Henrici quarti post conquestum Anglie quinto.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Monyn, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Johanne Alkham, attornato Ballivi ; Johanne Evebroke ; Thoma Lord ; Thoma Clerke ; Willelmo Hanecoke ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

XLIX.

3 January 1404.

Know all, present and future, that I, John Wille, shoemaker, have given, granted, and by this my present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche of Dover, a tenement with its appurtenances, situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Halvenden Ward, viz., between the King's high-way to the south-east, and a certain common lane to the north-east, and the tenement of William Knotte to the south-west and north-west, which tenement indeed I lately acquired from John Beneit and Thomas Coumbe, clerks, Henry Petham and John Petham : to have and to hold the said tenement, with all its appurtenances, to the said Thomas at Crouche, his heirs and assigns for ever : he performing therefor the service of the Lord King, when it shall befall according to the custom of the port aforesaid, and also the services due therefrom and by right accustomed to the capital lords of that fee : and I, the aforesaid John Wille, and my heirs, will warrant the said tenement, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover, the third day of January in the fifth year of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : John Monin, then Mayor of Dover ; John Alkham, attorney of the Bailiff ; John Evebroke ; Thomas Lord ; Thomas Clerke ; William Hancok ; Richard Sedor ; and others.

L.

v Augusti, 6 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Thomas Herry, Rector ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Dovorre, et Johannes Boydyn, pistor, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Thome ate Crouche de Dovorra, et Johanne, uxori ejus, unum gardinum terre cum duabus domibus desuper astant[ibus, cum omnibus suis] pertinenciis, jacentem infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Balleswarde, inter regiam stratam et terram Petri Liefte versus southeaste, et torrentem [Regis versus weste(?) et] northweste, et terram mei dicti Thome, et terram Roberti Glovare versus northeaste, et inter terram Thome Lorde et terram Thome Geffray versus south[weste, quod] quidem gardinum terre nuper habuimus de dono et ffeofamento Johannis Gayler : habend' et tenend' dictum gardinum terre cum domibus super astantibus [et cum] suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne sue uxori heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : et nos Thomas Herry et Johannes antedicti et heredes nostri [predictum] gardinum terre cum dictis domibus super astantibus et omnibus aliis suis pertinenciis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne sue uxori supradictis here[dibus et assignatis] ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra quinto die Augusti anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie sexto.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Strete, tunc Majore Dovorre ; Johanne Alkham, attornato Ballivi ; Thoma Lorde ; Johanne Gartone ; Johanne Robyne ; Thoma Geffray ; Petro Lief ; Willelmo Middleton ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

L.

5 August 1405.

Know all men, present and future, that we, Thomas Herry, Rector of the Church of Saint Nicholas, Dover, and John Boydin, baker, have given, granted, and by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouch of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, one garden of land, with two houses stan[ding thereon with all its] appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Balles Ward, between the King's highway and the land of Peter Liefe to the south-east, and the [King's] stream [to the west and] north-west, and the land of me, the said Thomas, and the land of Robert Glover to the north-east, and between the land of Thomas Lord and the land of Thomas Geffray to the south [west], which garden of land we lately received by the gift and feoffment of John Gayler: to have and to hold the aforesaid garden of land, with the houses standing thereon [and with] its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever: he performing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, for all other services and demands: and we, the aforesaid Thomas Herry, and John, and our heirs, will warrant the garden of land [aforesaid] with the said houses thereon, and all other its appurtenances, to Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife aforesaid, the [heirs and assigns] of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover, the fifth day of August in the sixth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses: John Strete, then Mayor; John Alkham, attorney of the Bailiff; Thomas Lorde; John Garton; John Robin; Thomas Geffray; Peter Lief; William Middleton; Richard Sedenor; and others.

L I.

xj Augusti, 6 Hen. IV.

HEC indentura facta inter dominum Thomam Herry, Rectorem ecclesie Sancti Nicholai, Dovorre, et Johannem Boydyn, feoffatos Johannis Gayler, in terris et tenementis que sua fuerunt infra libertatem Portus Dovorre die quo obiit, et Thomam ate Crouche, testatur, quod ubi idem Thomas ate Crouche adquisivit de dictis feoffatis unum gardinum terre cum duabus domibus desuper astantibus, quod idem Thomas ate Crouche permittit Aliciam Gayler pacifice habere et optinere pro termino vite sue unam domum de duabus domibus, inferiorem versus northweste, cum via rationabili ad eandem omni tempore congruo, silicet permittit eam pacifice habere et optinere medietatem dicti gardini per le Populer per metam ibidem signatam pro termino sue vite cum via etiam rationabili ad eandem ac ad eisiamentum aque ibidem habend': nec tamen licebit dicte Alicie de dicta domo aliquod vastum seu estrepamentum facere, set eam in statu competenti sustentabit, nec aliquas arbores super predictam medietatem gardini que sibi sic dimittitur crescentes quovis modo prostrabit, et si dicta Alicia vastum aut estrepamentum dicte domus fecerit, vel si illam sufficienter non manutenuerit, extunc liceat dicto Thome ate Crouche heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome in predictam domum, sic eidem Alicie dimissam, reintrare et eam penes se in feodo simplici imperpetuum possidere, vel si dicta Alicia aliquas arbores magnas super dictam medietatem gardini crescentes ad deterioracionem ejusdem fundi prostraverit, extunc liceat eidem Thome at Crouche heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome in eandem medietatem gardini etiam reintrare et eam penes se in feodo simplici pacifice et imperpetuum possidere absque impedimento prefate Alicie, seu alicujus alterius ejus nomine.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis indenturis dicte partes sua sigilla alternatim apposuerunt.

Data Dovorra undecimo die Augusti anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie sexto.

[188.5]

L I.

11 August 1405.

THIS indenture between Sir Thomas Herry, Rector of the Church of Saint Nicholas, Dover, and John Boydin, feoffees of John Gailer, for lands and tenements which were his on the day on which he died, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, and Thomas at Crouche, witnesseth, that whereas the said Thomas at Crouche acquired from the said feoffees a garden with two houses thereon, that the said Thomas at Crouche permits Alice Gailer to peacefully have and obtain for the term of her life one house of the two houses, the lower towards the north-west, with reasonable access to it at all seasonable times, that is to say, he permits her to have peacefully and to obtain half of the said garden from the Poplar placed there as a land-mark, with reasonable access to the same, and with easement of water there: it shall not however be lawful for the said Alice to make any waste or estrepement of the said house, but she shall maintain it in a reasonable state; nor shall she in any way fell any trees growing on the aforesaid half garden which is thus demised to her; and if the said Alice shall commit waste and estrepement on the said house, or if she shall not have sufficiently kept it up, then be it lawful to the said Thomas at Crouche, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas to re-enter the said house, thus demised to the said Alice, and possess it for himself in fee simple for ever, or if the said Alice shall fell any of the big trees growing upon the said half of the garden, to the deterioration of the said ground, then be it lawful to the said Thomas at Crouche, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, to re-enter the said half of the garden and to possess it for himself peacefully in fee simple for ever, without let of the said Alice or any one else in her name.

In witness whereof the said parties have alternately affixed their seals to these indentures.

Given at Dover, the eleventh day of August in the sixth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

LII.

vj Marcii, 7 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Thomas ate Crouche de Dovorra dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea indentata ad feodi firmam confirmavi Michaeli Cul de Dovorra, et Gisyne, uxori ejus, unum tenementum cum pertinenciis situatum infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in *. . . Warde inter regiam stratam versus northwest, et tenementum Johannis Andrew, schipwrert, et terram Thome Cocchare, junioris, versus northeast, et quamdam Vernplace versus southeast, et tenementum Johannis ffyshe versus southwest; habend' et tenend' dictum tenementum cum edificiis muris et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis prefatis Michaeli et Gisyne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis imperpetuum; absque vasto seu estrepamento faciend', et faciend' inde servicium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti; reddend' inde annuatim iidem Michaelis et Gisyne, uxor ejus, heredes et eorum assignati michi prefato Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori mee, heredibus et assignatis mei dicti Thome tres solidos liberi et annualis redditus ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus solvend'; et si contingat predictum annualem redditum dictorum trium solidorum aretro fore imparte vel in toto aliquo anno post aliquem inde terminum solucionis prenominationum, extunc bene liceat nobis dictis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori mee, heredibus et assignatis mei predicti Thome in predicto tenemento cum omnibus suis pertinenciis distringere, et districciones asportare et retinere donec de predicto redditu sic aretro existente plenarie satisfactum; et si contingat dictum annualem redditum aretro fore in parte vel in toto per unum annum et quadraginta dies, vel si vastum seu estrepamentum de dicto tenemento factum fuerit, aut si idem tenementum competenter non fuerit sustentatum, extunc bene liceat nobis dictis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori mee, heredibus et

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LII.

6 March 1406.

Know all, present and future, that I, Thomas at Crouche of Dover, have given, granted, and by this my present indented charter, have confirmed to fee farm to Michael Cul of Dover and Gisyna, his wife, a tenement with appurtenances situated within the Liberty of Dover in . . . Ward, between the King's highway to the north-west, and the tenement of John Andrew, shipwright, and the land of Thomas Cocchere, junior, to the north-east, and a certain *Vernplace to the south-east, and the tenement of John Fish to the south-west; to have and to hold the said tenement, with buildings, walls, and all other its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Michael and Gisyna, his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever; they not to make waste or estrepement; and doing the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, the said Michael and Gisyna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, paying therefor annually to me, the said Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, my wife, the heirs and assigns of me, the said Thomas, three shillings of free and annual rent, to be paid at the four principal terms of the year in equal parts; and if it shall happen that the aforesaid annual rent of the said three shillings be in arrear, in part or in whole, in any year after any of the terms for payment aforesaid, then be it fully lawful for us, the said Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, my wife, the heirs and assigns of me, the aforesaid Thomas, to distrain on the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances, and to carry off and retain distresses until satisfaction be made for the arrear of the aforesaid rent; and if it happen that the aforesaid rent be in arrear, in whole or in part, for one year and forty days, or if waste or estrepement be made in said tenement, or if the said tenement be not properly maintained, then be it fully lawful for us, the said Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, my wife,

* Cf. Fernigo—a heath or waste place where ferns grow.

assignatis mei dicti Thome in predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis reintrare et illud reseisire et penes me dictum Thomam et Johannam, uxorem meam, heredes et assignatos mei dicti Thome pacifice et imperpetuum possidere absque contradiccione cujuscumque; et ego, Thomas ate Crouche et heredes mei dictum tenementum cum edificiis muris et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis prenominalis Michaeli et Gisyne, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis pro annuali redditu, et forma supradicta, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis cartis indentatis sigilla parcium predictarum alternatim sunt appensa.

Data Dovorra, sexto die Marcii anno regni Regis Henrici, iiij^{ti} post conquestum Anglie, septimo.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Strete, tunc Majore Dovorre; Johanne Alkham, attornato Ballivi; Thoma Gilis; Johanne Robert; Johanne Steleman; Thoma Cocchare, juniore; Roberto Voche; Ricardo Sedenore; et aliis.

the heirs and assigns of me, the said Thomas, to re-enter into the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances, and re-seize it, and to possess it for myself and Johanna, my wife, the heirs and assigns of me, the said Thomas, peacefully and for ever without contradiction of any one : and I, Thomas at Crouche, and my heirs, will warrant the said tenement, with buildings, walls, and all other its appurtenances to the aforesaid Michael and Gisyna, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for the annual rent and in the form above said, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof the seals of the parties aforesaid are alternately affixed to these indented charters.

Given at Dover on the sixth day of March in the seventh year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : John Strete, then Mayor of Dover ; John Alkham, attorney of the Bailiff ; Thomas Giles ; John Robert ; John Steleman ; Thomas Cocchere, junior ; Robert Voche ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

LIII.

xxv Decembris, 12 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Willelmus Skote de Brabourne, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Thome ate Crouche de Dovorra, et Johanni, uxori ejus, illud mesuagium cum pertinenciis situatum infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Canonewarde, inter tenementum domini Thome Herry versus northeaste, et tenementum dicti Thome ate Crouche versus southeaste et southweste, et inter regiam stratam versus northweste, quod nuper adquisivi de Johanne Roberte, seniore, Carnifice : habend' et tenend' predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : et ego, Willelmus Skote antedictus, et heredes mei, predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prenominatis Thome ate Crouche et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra in festo Natali Domini anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie, duodecimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Strete, Majore Dovorre ; Thoma Page, Ballivo ; Nicholao Spisour ; Henrico Merle ; Roberto Aley ; Johanne Robyn ; Willelmo Middeltoone ; Johanne ffelde ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

LIII.

25 December 1410.

Know all present and future that I, William Skot, of Brabourne, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, that messuage with appurtenances situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Canon Ward, between the tenement of Sir Thomas Herry to the north-east, and the tenement of the said Thomas at Crouche to the south-east and south-west, and between the King's highway to the north-west, which I lately acquired from John Robert, senior, the butcher : to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever : he doing therefor the service of the lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, for all other services and demands : and I, William Skot aforesaid and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid messuage, with all its appurtenances, to the afore-named Thomas at Crouche and Johanna, his wife, and the assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover on Christmas day in the twelfth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : John Strete, Mayor of Dover ; Thomas Page, Bailiff ; Nicholas Spisour ; Henry Merle ; Robert Alein ; John Robin ; William Middleton ; John Felde ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

LIIII.

vj Octobris, 13 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Thomas at Crouche de Dovorra, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea indentata, confirmavi Johanni Milis de Dovorra, et Dionisie, uxori ejus, unam parcellam terre cujusdam orti mei jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorra in * — warde, que parcella terre jacet inter terram Johannis Robyn versus northewest, et terram mei predicti Thome versus southest et northest, et inter regiam stratam versus southewest, prout inde metis et bundis dividitur et signatur: habend' et tenend' predictam parcellam terre orti mei prefatis Johanni Milis et Dionisie, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servicium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus antedicti: et reddend' inde annuatim ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste michi predicto Thome, heredibus et assignatis meis, duos solidos liberi, perpetui, et annualis redditus: et si contingat dictum redditum annualem predictorum ij s. aretro fore in parte vel in toto aliquo anno post festum inde solucionis prenotatum, tunc bene licebit michi supradicto Thome, heredibus et assignatis meis, in predictam parcellam terre cum pertinenciis distringere, et districciones captas abducere asportare et retinere donec de predicto redditu aretro existente, una cum inde dampnis occasione detencionis ejusdem habitis, plenarie satisfiat: si vero contingerit predictum annualem redditum duorum ij s. solidorum [!] aretro fore per annum et xl dies post dictum inde festum solucionis, et districcio sufficiens ad valorem dicti redditus aretro existentis in predicta parcella terre cum pertinenciis nequaquam reperiat, tunc bene licebit michi supradicto Thome, heredibus et assignatis meis, in predictam parcellam terre cum pertinenciis in quorumcumque manus imposterum devenerit, reingredi, et eam reseisire, et penes me, heredes et assignatos meos, in meo statu pristino illam recipere et imperpetuum possidere

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LIIII.

6 October 1411.

KNOW all men present and future that I, Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present indented charter, have confirmed to John Miles, of Dover, and Dionisia, his wife, one parcel of land of a certain orchard of mine lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in — Ward, which parcel of land lies between the land of John Robin to the north-west, and the land of me, the aforesaid Thomas, to the south-east and north-east, and between the King's highway to the south-west, as it is there divided and marked by metes and bounds: to have and to hold the aforesaid parcel of my orchard land to the aforesaid John Miles and Dionisia, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for ever: they doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the aforesaid port: and paying annually at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist to me, the aforesaid Thomas, my heirs and assigns, 2 *sh.* of free, perpetual and annual rent: and if it shall happen that the said annual rent of the aforesaid 2 *sh.* shall be in arrear in part or in whole in any year beyond the feast afore-named for payment, then it shall be fully lawful for me, the aforesaid Thomas, my heirs and assigns, to distrain on the aforesaid parcel of land with appurtenances, and to take away, carry off, and retain the distresses levied until the aforesaid arrear of rent, together with all damages arising from the detention of the same, be satisfied: if, indeed, it shall happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 2 *sh.* be in arrear for one year and forty days after the said feast appointed for payment, and sufficient distresses to the value of the said arrear of rent be in vain looked for in the aforesaid parcel of ground with appurtenances, then it shall be fully lawful for me, the abovesaid Thomas, my heirs and assigns, to re-enter the aforesaid parcel of land with appurtenances into whosoever hands it may have come, and to re-seise it, and to receive and for ever possess it for me, my

absque impedimento cujuscumque : et ego, supranominatus Thomas, et heredes mei, predictam parcellam terre pre-nominatis Johanni Milis et Dionisie, uxori ejus, heredibus et eorum assignatis, pro annuali reddito et forma premissa contra omnes gentes warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis cartis indentatis sigilla par-cium predictarum alternatim sunt appensa.

Data Dovorra sexto die mensis Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti Anglie, tercio decimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Evebroke, Majore ; Thoma Page, Ballivo ; Nicholao Spisour ; Henrico Merle ; Johanne Robyn ; Willemo Middetone ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

heirs and assigns, in my pristine estate without let of any-one : and I, the above-named Thomas, and my heirs, will warrant, acquit and defend the aforesaid parcel of land to the afore-named John Miles and Dionisia, his wife, their heirs and assigns, for the annual rent and in form premised, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof the seals of the parties aforesaid are affixed alternately to these indented charters.

Given at Dover on the sixth of the month of October in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England.

Witnesses : John Evebroke, Mayor ; Thomas Page, Bailiff ; Nicholas Spisour ; Henry Merle ; John Robin ; William Middleton ; Richard Sedenor ; and others.

L V.

1.

xxvij Januarii, 13 Hen. IV.

HEC est finalis concordia facta in Curia domini Regis tenta in portu Dovorre xxvij^o die Januarii anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie, tercio decimo, coram Johanne Evebroke, Majore; Thoma Page, Bailiff; necnon Juratis et aliis dicti domini Regis fidelibus tunc ibidem congregatis; inter Thomam ate Crouche, de Dovorra, et Johannam, uxorem ejus, ex parte una, querentes, et Walterum Bode de ffeversham, et Margaretam, uxorem ejus, filiam et heredem Willelmi Poltone, de Dovorra, ex parte altera, deforciantes, de tota parte ipsorum Walteri et Margarete unius tenementi situati infra libertatem portus Dovorre in * — warde, unde placitum convencionis summonitum fuit inter eosdem in dicta Curia: ita, videlicet, quod prefati Walterus et Margareta, summoniti, venerunt, et recognoverunt totam eorum partem tenementi predicti fore jus prefatorum Thome et Johanne, et illam remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt: tenend' et habend' eisdem Thome et Johanne, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, imperpetuum: preterea concesserunt iidem Walterus et Margareta pro se et heredibus ipsius Margarete quod ipsi warantizabunt totam partem suam predicti tenementi supranominati Thome et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome, contra omnes gentes imperpetuum.

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L V.

1.

27 January 1412.

THIS is the final agreement made in the Court of the Lord King held in the Port of Dover on the twenty-seventh day of January in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest, before John Evebroke, Mayor; Thomas Page, Bailiff; also the Jurats and others of the said King's lieges there assembled; between Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, on the one part, complainants, and Walter Bode, of Faversham, and Margaret, his wife, the daughter and heir of William Polton, of Dover, on the other part, deforciant, for the whole part of one tenement situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in — Ward from the said Walter and Margaret, on which behalf a plea (for breach) of covenant was summoned between them in the said Court: so that, to wit, the aforesaid Walter and Margaret, being summoned, came, and acknowledged that the whole of their part of the tenement was the right of the aforesaid Thomas and Johanna, and they remitted and quit-claimed it: to have and to hold to the said Thomas and Johanna, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, for ever: moreover, the said Walter and Margaret granted for themselves and the heirs of the said Margaret that they will warrant the whole of their part of the said tenement above-named to Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

II.

xxvij Januarii, 13 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Walterus Bode de ffaversham, et Margareta, uxor mea, filia et heres Willelmi Poltone, de Dovorra, dedimus, concessimus, et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Thome ate Crouche, de Dovorra, et Johanne, uxori sue, totam nostram partem unius tenementi cum suis pertinenciis situati infra libertatem portus Dovorre in * — warde, inter regiam stratam versus southest, et terram Roberti Boydyn, bocher, versus southewest, et terram prefati Thome versus northewest, et inter tenementum Johannis Petham versus northecast : habend' et tenend' totam partem nostram predicti tenementi cum pertinenciis pre-nominatis Thome et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servicium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : et nos, Walterus et Margareta, uxor mea, supradicti, et heredes nostri totam partem nostram tenementi predicti, ut predicitur, cum pertinenciis, supradictis Thome et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra xxvij^o die Januarii, anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie, tercio decimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Evebroke, Majore Dovorre ; Thoma Page, Ballivo ; Nicholao Spisour ; Thoma Arnolde ; Willelmo Middeltone ; Roberto Boydyn ; Johanne Petham ; Johanne Toky ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

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II.

27 January 1412.

Know all men present and future that we, Walter Bode, of Faversham, and Margaret, my wife, daughter and heir of William Polton, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, the whole of our part of one tenement with its appurtenances, situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in — Ward, between the King's highway to the south-east, and the land of Robert Boidyn, butcher, to the south-west, and the land of the aforesaid Thomas to the north-west, and between the tenement of John Petham to the north-east: to have and to hold the whole of our part of the tenement aforesaid with appurtenances to the afore-named Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, for ever: they doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, for all other services and demands: and we, the abovesaid Walter and Margaret, my wife, and our heirs, will warrant all our part of the tenement aforesaid, as is aforesaid, with appurtenances, to the abovesaid Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover the twenty-seventh day of January in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses: John Evebroke, Mayor of Dover; Thomas Page, Bailiff; Nicholas Spisour; Thomas Arnold; William Middleton; Robert Boidyn; John Petham; John Toky; Richard Sedenor; and others.

LVI.

Ultimo Maii, 13 Hen. IV.

NOVERINT universi me Ceciliam, relictam Alexandri Poltone, de Dovorra, in mea viduitate remisisse, relaxasse, et omnino pro me et executoribus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse Agneti Poltone, filie mee, totum meum jus et juris clameum que habui, habeo, seu quovis modo habere potero, in uno tenemento sive stabulo situato infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Mankynewarde inter regiam stratam versus southeeast, et terram Roberti Boydyn versus southewest, et terram Thome Crouche versus northewest, et inter tenementum Johannis Petham versus northeeast: ita quod non ego, prenominata Cecilia, nec aliquis nomine meo, in predicto tenemento sive stabulo cum suis pertinentiis nec in aliqua parte ejusdem quicquid juris proprietatis aut clamei de cetero exigere vel vendicare debemus in futurum, set ab omni inde juris accione simus exclusi per presentes imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra ultimo die Maii anno regni Regis Henrici, quarti post conquestum Anglie, tercio decimo.

LVI.

31 May 1412.

KNOW all men that I, Cecilia, relict of Alexander Polton, of Dover, in my widowhood have remitted, released, and altogether quit-claimed for ever for me and my executors, to Agnes Polton, my daughter, the whole of my right and claim of right which I had, shall have, or in any way shall in future be able to have, in a tenement or stable situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Mankyn Ward, between the King's highway to the south-east, and the land of Robert Boydin to the south-west, and the land of Thomas Crouche to the north-west, and between the tenement of John Petham to the north-east : so that neither I, the afore-named Cecilia, nor anyone else in my name, shall in future be able to claim or challenge henceforward in the aforesaid tenement or stable with its appurtenances, or in any part of it, any right of property or claim, but that by these presents we are shut out for ever from every action of right.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this present.

Given at Dover on the last day of May in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

LVII.

iij Junii, 13 Hen. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Agnes, filia et heres Alexandri Poltone, de Dovorra, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Thome ate Crouche, de Dovorra, et Johanne, uxori ejus, totam partem meam unius tenementi cum pertinenciis situatam infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Mankynewarde, inter regiam stratam versus southeeast, et terram Roberti Boydyn, bocher, versus southewest, et terram predicti Thome versus northewest, et inter tenementum Johannis Petham versus northeeast : habend' et tenend' totam dictam partem meam predicti tenementi cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prenominalis Thome et Johanne, uxori sue, heredibus et assignatis ipsius Thome imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis : et ego, supradicta Agnes, et heredes mei, predictam partem meam predicti tenementi cum suis pertinenciis supranominatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis ejusdem Thome, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra tercio die Junii anno regni Regis Henrici, quarto post conquestum Anglie, tercio decimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Evebroke, Majore Dovorre ; Thoma Page, Ballivo ; Nicholao Spisour ; Johanne Gartone ; Johanne Robyn : Willelmo Middeltone ; Thoma Curlyng ; Johanne Petham ; Ricardo Sedenore ; et aliis.

LVII.

3 June 1412.

KNOW all present and future that I, Agnes, daughter and heir of Alexander Polton, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Thomas at Crouche, of Dover, and Johanna, his wife, my whole share of a tenement with its appurtenances situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Mankin Ward, between the King's highway to the south-east, and the land of Robert Boydin, butcher, to the south-west, and the land of the aforesaid Thomas to the north-west, and between the tenement of John Petham to the north-east: to have and to hold all my said share of the tenement aforesaid with all its appurtenances, to the afore-named Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas for ever: they doing the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, for all other services and demands: and I, the abovesaid Agnes, and my heirs, will warrant my aforesaid share of the aforesaid tenement, with its appurtenances, to the afore-named Thomas and Johanna, his wife, the heirs and assigns of the said Thomas, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover the third day of June in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses: John Evebroke, Mayor of Dover; Thomas Page, Bailiff; Nicholas Spisour; John Garton; John Robin; William Middleton; Thomas Curling; John Petham; Richard Sedenor; and others.

LVIII.

x Augusti, 3 Hen. V.

NOVERINT universi nos Johannem Monyn, de Dovorra, et Thomam Marchaunt, de Ladenne, remisisse, relaxasse, et omnino pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse Willelmo Yngelonde, de Dovorra, heredibus et suis assignatis in sua possessione totum nostrum jus et juris clameum que habemus, habuimus, seu quovis modo habere poterimus in uno tenemento cum suis pertinenciis situato infra libertatem portus Dovorre in Moryneswarde, inter tenementum Thome Cocchare versus southeest et northewest, et regiam stratam versus northest, et inter quandam communem venellam versus southewest, quod quidem tenementum una cum aliis terris tenementis et redditibus nos Johannes, et Thomas Marchaunt prenominati, una cum Johanne Evebroke et Henrico Merle, jam defunctis, nuper habuimus de dono supradicti Willelmi : ita videlicet quod non nos, supradicti Johannes, et Thomas Marchaunt, nec heredes nostri, nec aliquis alius pro nobis, seu nomine nostro, in predicto tenemento cum suis pertinenciis quicquid juris proprietatis seu clamei de cetero exigere vel vendicare debemus in futurum, set ab omni inde juris accione simus exclusi per presentem imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra decimo die Augusti anno regni Regis Henrici, quinti Anglie post conquestum, tercio.

LVIII.

10 August 1415.

Know all men that we, John Monin, of Dover, and Thomas Marchaunt, of Lydden, have remitted, released, and for us and our heirs, entirely quit-claimed for ever, to William England, of Dover, his heirs and assigns, in their own possession, the whole of our right and claim of right which we shall have, had, or in any way shall be able to have, in a tenement with its appurtenances, situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Morines Ward, between the tenement of Thomas Cocchere to the south-west and north-west, and the King's highway to the north-east, and between a certain common lane to the south-west, which tenement, together with other lands, tenements and rents, we, the afore-named John, and Thomas Marchaunt, together with John Evebroke and Henry Merle, now dead, recently had by the gift of the above-named William : in such a way that neither we, the abovesaid John, and Thomas Marchaunt, nor our heirs, nor anyone for us in our name, ought in future henceforward to claim or challenge any right of property or claim in the aforesaid tenement with its appurtenances, but that we are shut out by this present for ever from every action of right on that behalf.

In witness whereof we have affixed to this present our seals.*

Given at Dover on the tenth day of August in the third year of the reign of King Henry, the fifth of England after the conquest.

* *The seal of John Monin is three crescents within an indented border and of Thomas Marchaunt a capital M.*

LIX.

Ultimo Junii, 4 Hen. V.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Johannes Yngelonde, senior, de Dovorra, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Hamoni ffrode, de Dovorra, unam terram cum muris lapideis et aliis pertinenciis suis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Oxeswarde, inter tenementum Thome ate Crouche versus northest, et quandam communem venellam versus southest, et regiam stratam versus north-west, et tenementum Johannis Pyggel versus southwest: habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum muris lapideis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis prefato Hamoni, heredibus et suis assignatis, imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti pro omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis: et ego, Johannes Yngelonde antedictus, et heredes mei, predictam terram cum muris lapideis et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis supradicto Hamoni, heredibus et suis assignatis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data Dovorra ultimo die Junii anno regni Regis Henrici, quinti Anglie, quarto.

Hiis testibus: Johanne Garton, Majore Dovorre; Thoma Page, Ballivo; Thoma ate Crouche; Johanne Jay; Willelmo Quyntyn; Johanne Webbe; Johanne Steleman; Johanne Berham; Henrico Holland; Ricardo Sedenore; et aliis multis.

LIX.

30 June 1416.

Know all present and future that I, John England, senior, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Hamo Frode, of Dover, a plot of land with stone walls and its other appurtenances lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Oxes Ward, between the tenement of Thomas at Crouche to the north-east, and a certain common lane to the south-east, and the King's highway to the north-west, and the tenement of John Piggel to the south-west: to have and to hold the aforesaid land, with stone walls and all other its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Hamo, his heirs and assigns, for ever: on doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, for all other services and demands: and I, John England aforesaid, and my heirs, will warrant the land aforesaid, with the stone walls and all other its appurtenances, to the abovesaid Hamo, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover the last day of June in the fourth year of the reign of King Henry, the fifth of England.

Witnesses: John Garton, Mayor of Dover; Thomas Page, Bailiff; Thomas at Crouche; John Jay; William Quintin; John Webb; John Steleman; John Berham; Henry Holland; Richard Sedenor; and many others.

LX.

i Decembris, 4 Hen. V.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Matheus Kynesbury, et Robertus Bycher, de Sandweyco, dedimus, concessimus, et, hac presenti cartra nostra, confirmavimus Thome Crouche, de Dovorra, unum mesuagium scituatum in Portu Dovorre inter mesuagium ejusdem Thome Crouche versus southeast, et mesuagium Roberti Luns versus southwest, et cimiterium ecclesie Sancti Petri in Dovorra versus north, et ad regiam viam versus south : habend' et tenend' predictum mesuagium cum suis pertinenciis prefato Thome, heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia eis inde debita et de jure consueta imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data Dovorra primo die Decembris anno regni Regis Henrici, quinti post conquestum, quarto.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Garton, Majore Dovorrie ; Nicholao Spicer ; Willelmo Archer ; Johanne Southe ; Roberto Luns ; et aliis.

LX.

1 December 1416.

KNOW all present and future that we, Matthew Kinesbury and Robert Bicher, of Sandwich, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Thomas Crouche, of Dover, one messuage situated in the Port of Dover, between the messuage of the said Thomas Crouche to the south-east, and the messuage of Robert Luns to the south-west, and the cemetery of the Church of S. Peter in Dover to the north, and on the King's highway to the south: to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Thomas, his heirs and assigns, from the capital lords of that fee for the services therefrom due and by right accustomed, for ever.

In witness whereof we have affixed our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover on the first day of December in the fourth year of the reign of King Henry, the fifth after the conquest.

Witnesses: John Garton, Mayor of Dover; Nicholas Spicer; William Archer; John South; Robert Luns; and others.

LXI.

xij Octobris, 3 Hen. VI.

HENRICUS dei gratia Rex Anglie, ffrancie, et Dominus Hibernie ; Universis et singulis Admirallis, et eorum loca tenentibus, Justiciariis, Custumariis, Custodibus portuum maris et aliorum locorum maritimorum, necnon Vicecomitibus, Majoribus, Escaetoribus, Constabulariis, Ballivis, Ministris, ac aliis fidelibus et subditis suis, infra libertates et extra, tam per terram quam per mare, constitutis—Salutem.

Cum, inter ceteras libertates et quietancias Baronibus Quinque Portuum nostrorum per cartas progenitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie concessas, concessum sit eisdem, quod ipsi quieti sint de omni theoloneo, et de omni consuetudine, videlicet, ab omni lastagio, tallagio, passagio, cayagio, rivagio, a pontagio, et omni wrec, et de tota vendicione, achato rechato suo, per totam terram et potestatem nostram, cum socca et sacca, et thol et them, et quod sint wrecfry et wittefry, et lestagefry et lovecopfry, et etiam quod quieti sint de shiris et hundredis, ita quod si quis versus illos placitare voluerint ipsi non respondeant neque placitent aliter quam placitare solebant tempore Domini H. Regis, proavi domini E., nuper Regis Anglie, progenitoris nostri, et quod habeant invenciones suas in mari et in terra, et quod quieti sint de omnibus rebus suis et de toto mercato suo sicut nostri liberi homines, et quod non placitent alibi nisi ubi debuerint et solebant, scilicet apud Shepweyam, et quod nullus eos injuste disturbet neque mercatum eorum super forisfacturam nostram deceni librarum, et quod non ponantur in assisis Juratis vel recognicionibus aliquibus ratione forinsece tenure sue contra voluntatem suam, et quod omnes illi de quinque portubus, et alii quicumque advocantes se de libertate eorundem, et inde gaudere volentes, contribuant ad navigium et servicia nostra manutenenda et facienda de omnibus bonis et catallis suis tam extra libertatem portuum predictorum quam infra existentibus, et ad hoc Majores et Juratos portuum predictorum, et etiam per Constabularium Castri nostri

LXI.

12 October 1424.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England, France, and Lord of Ireland; to all and singular his Admirals, and their Lieutenants, Justiciars, Customers, Wardens of the Sea Ports and other maritime places, as well as Sheriffs, Mayors, Escheators, Constables, Bailiffs, Ministers, and other lieges and subjects, constituted within Liberties and without, as well by land as by sea—Greeting.

Whereas it has been granted, amongst other liberties and acquittances granted to the Barons of our Cinque Ports, by the charters of our ancestors the former Kings of England, that they be quit of all toll and custom, that is to say, from all lastage, tallage, passage, kayage, rivage, from pontage, from all wreck, and of every sale in its sale and re-sale throughout our whole land and dominion, with sac and soc, and thol and them, and that they be wreck-free, and Wit-free, and Lestage-free and Lovecop-free, and that also they be quit of shires and hundreds, so that if anyone wish to implead them they need not answer or plead otherwise than they were wont to plead in the time of the Lord King Henry, the great grandfather of the Lord Edward, formerly King of England, our progenitor, and that they may have their treasure trove by sea and by land, and that they be quit for all their possessions and all their market as our free men, and that they need not plead anywhere except where they ought and are accustomed, that is to say, at Shepway, and that none unjustly molest them or their market under pain of forfeit to us of ten pounds, and that they be not placed in any Assizes, Juries or recognizances for a tenure outside-their-Liberties against their will, and that all they of the Cinque Ports, and all others avowing themselves to be of their Liberty and on that account willing to enjoy them, should subscribe to maintaining the fleet and doing our services from all their goods and chattels existing as well without as within the Liberty of the said Ports, and may be duly compelled thereto by the Mayors and Jurats of the Ports aforesaid, and also by the Constable of our Castle of

Dovorre, si necesse fuerit, debita compellantur, et quod omnia catalla Baronum et aliorum, sive extra libertatem fuerint sive infra, que pro navigio et servicio predictis manutenenda et facienda taxentur ad tallagia seu alia onera quicumque, cum bonis et catallis hominum forinsecorum nullatenus taxentur; nosque cartas illas per cartam nostram confirmavimus: et ulterius concessimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, eisdem Baronibus portuum predictorum quod licet ipsi vel antecessores sui aliqua vel aliquibus libertatum et quietanciarum in dictis cartis contentarum aliquo casu emergente plene usi[tati] fuerint iidem tamen Barones ac eorum heredes et successores libertatibus et quietanciis predictis et earum qualibet gaudeant et utantur, sine accione vel impedimento nostri, vel heredum nostrorum, Justiciariorum, Escaetorum, Vicecomitum, aut aliorum Ballivorum seu Ministrorum nostrorum, vel heredum nostrorum quorumcumque, prout in cartis et confirmacione predictis plenius continetur. Vobis mandamus quod homines villarum de Mergate et Gorisende, ac homines parochiarum Sanctorum Johannis, Petri, Nicholai, et Omnium Sanctorum de Birchyn-tone, Wode in Insula de Thaneto, et homines de Kyngesdone, et de parochia de Ryngewold juxta Dovorram, que sunt membra et advocantes Portus Dovorre: eosdemque homines advocantes se de eadem libertate, et eorum quemlibet, de hujusmodi theoloneo, consuetudine, lastagio, tallagio, passagio, cayagio, rivagio, a pontagio, et omni wrec, et de tota vendicione achato et rechato suo, per totam terram et potestatem nostram, cum socca et sacca, et thol et them, wrecfry et wittefry, et lestagefry et lovecopfry, et de shiris et hundredis, quietos esse permittatis, juxta tenorem cartarum et confirmacionis predictorum, ac ipsos, seu eorum aliquem, in assisis juratis seu recognicionibus aliquibus ratione forinsece tenure sue coram vobis capiend' non ponatis seu poni faciatis, contra tenorem cartarum et confirmacionis predictarum, nec ipsos seu eorum aliquem contra tenorem earundem molestetis in aliquo, seu gravetis.

Teste: Johanne, duce Bedeforde, Custode Anglie, apud Westm. xij die Octobris anno regni nostri tercio.

[*Duppl. Gaunstede.*]

Dover if necessity arise, and that all the chattels of the Barons and of the others, whether they be within or without the Liberty, which shall be assessed for taxation, or any other burdens whatsoever, for maintaining the fleet and performing the service aforesaid, shall in no wise be taxed with the goods and chattels of foreign men : and We have confirmed those charters by our charter : and, furthermore, We have granted for us and our heirs to the said Barons of the Ports aforesaid that, according as they or their ancestors shall have freely used any or all of the liberties and acquittances contained in the said charters in any emergent case, so they, the said Barons, their heirs and successors, may in every way enjoy and use the liberties and acquittances aforesaid, or any one of them, without action or impediment of us or our heirs, Justiciars, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other our Bailiffs, or Ministers, or any of our heirs whatsoever, as in the Charters and Confirmation aforesaid is fully contained. We command you that you allow the men of the Towns of Margate and Gorisende, and the men of the Parishes of SS. John, Peter, Nicholas, and All Saints, of Birchington, Wode in the Isle of Thanet, and the men of Kingsdown, and of the Parish of Ringwold near Dover, which are Limbs and Advocants of the Port of Dover, and the said men avowing themselves to be of the said Liberty, or any one of them, to be quit of this kind of toll, custom, lastage, tallage, passage, kayage, rivage, from pontage, and all wreck, and of every their sale in its sale and re-sale throughout all our land and dominion, with sac and soc, and thol and them, wreck-free, and wit-free, and lestage-free, and lovecop-free, and of shires and hundreds, according to the tenour of the Charters and of the Confirmation aforesaid ; and that you do not place, or cause to be placed, them, or any one of them, in any Assizes, Juries, or recognizances held before you for any tenure outside-the-Liberty, contrary to the tenour of the Charter and the Confirmation aforesaid, nor shall you in any way molest or burden them, or any one of them, contrary to the tenour of the said Charters.

Witness : John, Duke of Bedford, Warden of England, at Westminster, the twelfth day of October in the third year of our reign.

LXII.

xi Octobris, 8 Hen. VI.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me, Johannem Barley, civem et pelliparium Londonie, teneri et firmiter obligari Johanni Lyng, civi et pannario Londonie, in quatuordecim libris sterlingorum solvend' eidem Johanni Lyng, aut suo certo attornato, heredibus seu executoribus suis, primo die Maii proximo futuro post datum presencium sine dilatione ulteriori, ad quam quidem solucionem, ut predicatur, bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me heres et executores meos ac omnia bona mea ubicumque fuerint inventa per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui.

Data undecimo die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum, octavo.

LXII.

11 October 1429.

Know all men that I, John Barley, citizen and pelterer of London, am bound and firmly engaged to John Ling, citizen and clothier of London, for £14 sterling, to be paid to the said John Ling, or his certain attorney, his heirs or executors, on the first day of May next ensuing after the date of these presents without further delay ; for the good and faithful payment of which I bind myself, my heirs and executors, and all my goods, wherever they shall be found, by these presents.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to these presents.

Given on the eleventh day of October in the eighth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth after the conquest.

LXIII.

i Augusti, 16 Hen. VI.

[H]EC indentura tripartita facta inter Majorem et Communitatem Ville Dovorre ex una parte, ac Majorem et Communitatem Ville de ffaversham ex parte altera, testatur ; quod cum quedam lites et controversie nuper inter partes predictas exorte fuerint de et super diversis exaccionibus, contribucionibus, imposicionibus, tallagiis, oneribus, assessionibus, et demandis quas predicti Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre, a predictis Majore et Communitate dicte ville de ffaversham petiverunt et clamabant ut de jure predictae ville Dovorre, excepto et reservato servicio domino nostro Regi et heredibus suis super mare debito, ac rationabili contribucione ad quodlibet promissum vel donum Custodi Quinque Portuum, qui pro tempore fuerit, cum idem custos sacramentum Baronibus eorundem portuum pro eorum libertate per ipsum manutenend' primo prestiterit per predictum Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville de ffaversham et successores suos, cum acciderit faciend', dumtaxat excepta : De quibus quidem exaccionibus, contribucionibus et demandis, exceptis preexceptis, tandem mediacione venerabilium personarum Galfridi Louthere, locumtenentis Custodis Quinque Portuum ; Johannis Darelle, et Thome Broune, Armigerorum ; partes predictae convenerunt in forma que subscrip[ta est], videlicet, quod pro omnimodis exaccionibus, tallagiis, oneribus, assessionibus, imposicionibus, contribucionibus, et demandis, exceptis preexceptis, que de eisdem Majore et Communitate dicte ville de ffaversham exigere habere vel clamare poterunt necnon omne jus titulum et clameum que in eisdem Communitate et villa habent vel quovismodo habuere poterunt, exceptis preexceptis, in futuro ; Ita quod predicti Major et Communitas predictae ville Dovorre eorum heredes et successores de omnibus hujusmodi exaccionibus, imposicionibus, contribucionibus, tallagiis, oneribus, omnibus assessionibus et demandis, jure titulo et clameo

LXIII.

1 August 1436.

THIS tripartite indenture, made between the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Dover on the one part, and the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Faversham on the other part, witnesseth, that as certain quarrels and controversies have recently arisen between the parties aforesaid, of and over various exactions, contributions, imposts, taxes, burdens assessments, and demands, which the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover have sought and claimed from the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham as the right of the aforesaid town of Dover, the service at sea due to the Lord King and his heirs being excepted and reserved, and the making of a reasonable contribution to a certain "promise" or gift to the Warden of the Cinque Ports for the time being, when the said Warden shall first take the oath to the Barons of the said Ports for his maintaining their liberty by the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham and their successors, also excepted : concerning which exactions, contributions and demands, except the above excepted, the parties aforesaid at length by the mediation of the venerable persons, Geoffrey Louthier, Lieutenant of the Warden of the Cinque Ports, John Darrell, and Thomas Browne, Esquires, came to an agreement in the form below written, to wit, that for all manner of exactions, taxes, burdens, assessments, impositions, contributions, and demands, except the above excepted, which they shall be able to exact, have, or claim, from the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham, also every right, title and claim, except those above excepted, which they have, or shall be able in future to have, on the said Commonalty and town ; so that the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover, their heirs and successors, be for ever excluded by these presents from in future having any of these kind of exactions, impositions,

imposterum habend', exceptis preexceptis, imperpetuum sint exclusi per presentes, predicti Major et Communitas dicte ville de ffaversham, pro se et successoribus suis, concesserunt per presentes quod ipsi reddent et solvent in futuro singulis annis predictis Majori et Communitati predicte ville Dovorre ac eorum heredibus et successoribus unum annualem redditum quadraginta solidorum sterlingorum in Festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis apud predictam villam de ffaversham annuatim solvendum imperpetuum: Et predicti Major et Communitas dicte ville de ffaversham pro se heredibus et successoribus suis per presentes concesserunt dictis Majori et Communitati dicte ville Dovorre heredibus et successoribus suis quod quociens continget predictum annualem redditum quadraginta solidorum ultra dictum festum per quatuor dies aretro fore, in parte vel in toto, non solutum, quod extunc tociens bene liceat dictis Majori et Communitati dicte ville Dovorre heredibus et successoribus suis dictos Majorem et Communitatem predicte ville de ffaversham heredes et successores suos imperpetuum per omnia bona et catalla sua, in quibuscumque villis sive locis quinque portuum, aut eorum membrorum, inveniantur distringere, [et dist]ricta sic capta abducere effugare et asportare, et ea sub nomine Withernamii detinere, quousque dicti Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre de predictis quadraginta solidis, et de omnibus arreragiis predicti redditus, simul cum omnibus misis et expensis que occasione non solucionis ejusdem redditus sustinuerint, plenarie fuerint satisfacti: Et preterea predicte partes convenerunt in forma que subsequitur, videlicet, quod cum Dominus Rex vel heredes sui certum parliamentum suum, a die confectionis presencium, infra regnum Anglie tenendum fecerit summoniri, tunc predicti Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre per litteras suas, sub eorum sigillo majoratus sigillatas, Majori et Communitati dicte ville de ffaversham directas et deliberatas dictum certum parliamentum eis notificabunt, infra sex dies post summonicionem eisdem Majori et Communitati dicte ville Dovorre virtute brevis

contributions, taxes, burdens, all assessments and demands, by right, title, or claim, the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham, for themselves and their successors, have granted by these presents that they shall give and pay each year in future to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover, and their heirs and successors, an annual rent of 40*s*/. sterling to be paid annually on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the aforesaid town of Faversham for ever : and the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham for themselves and their successors, have granted by these presents to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, their heirs and successors, that as often as it happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 40*s*/. shall be in arrear for four days beyond the said Feast unpaid, in part or in whole, that then so often it may be lawful for the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, their heirs and successors, to distrain upon the said Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Faversham aforesaid, their heirs and successors for ever, by all their goods and chattels in whatsoever towns or places in the Cinque Ports, or their Limbs, they may be found, and the distresses so taken to take away, drive off, and carry away, and, under the name of Withernam, detain, until the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover shall be fully satisfied for the aforesaid 40*s*/. , and for all arrears of the aforesaid rent, together with all costs and expenses, which by reason of the non-payment of the said rent they shall have sustained : and furthermore, the aforesaid parties agreed in the form following, to wit, that when the Lord King, or his heirs, shall cause to be summoned his certain Parliament to be held within the Kingdom of England, after the day of the making of these presents, then the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, by their letters sealed with their seal of Mayoralty,

dicti domini Regis et heredum suorum factam, requirentes eosdem Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville de ffaversham per easdem litteras ut ipsi quatuor Barones de eadem villa de ffaversham discrecione et sufficiencia habiles eligant, et eisdem Majori et Communitati dicte ville Dovorre, ad diem in dictis litteris specificatum, per litteras sub sigillo Majoratus dicte ville de ffaversham sigillatas, et per eorum communem servientem portatas, retornent et certificent, de quibusquidem quatuor Baronibus sic electis iidem Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre unum, quem ipsi per eorum discrecionem probiorem et habiliorem viderint aut sciverint, eligent; et eum ad dictum certum parliamentum ut unum de Baronibus dicte ville Dovorre cum altero Barone ejusdem ville facient retornari: Et super hoc predicti Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre nomen Baronis dicte ville de ffaversham per ipsos Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville Dovorre sic electum, per litteras suas sub sigillo Majoratus dicte ville Dovorre sigillatas, et que per unum servientem dictorum Majoris et Communitatis dicte ville Dovorre differentur, dictis Majori et Communitati predicte ville de ffaversham notificabunt: Dictique Major et Communitas predicte ville de ffaversham et successores sui * receptionem dicte littere in villa de ffaversham predicta per eundem servientem dicte ville Dovorre eisdem Majori et Communitati dicte ville Dovorre per aliam litteram, sub sigillo majoratus dicte ville de ffaversham, certificent et notificabunt: Et quociens continget dictos Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville Dovorre heredes et successores suos in certificatione aut retorno, modo et forma superius specificato, deficere quod tociens iidem Major et Communitas heredes et successores sui dicte ville Dovorre solvant dictis Majori et Communitati ville de ffaversham predicte heredibus et successoribus suis viginti solidos sterlingorum de bonis et catallis dictorum Baronum Dovorre heredum et successorum suorum, in quibuscumque locis quinque portuum, aut eorum

directed and delivered to the Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham, shall notify to them, the said certain Parliament, within six days after summons made to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, by virtue of a writ of the said Lord King and his heirs, requiring the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham by the said letters, that they select four Barons of the said town of Faversham, suitable in discretion and sufficiency, and return and certify to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, on the day specified in the said letters, by letters sealed with the seal of the Mayoralty of the said town of Faversham, and carried by their common serjeant, from which four Barons so elected the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover may select one whom they at their discretion shall see and know to be the better and more suitable, and return him to the said certain Parliament as one of the Barons of the said town of Dover, with another Baron of the said town, and on this the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover shall notify to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Faversham the name of the Baron of the said town of Faversham thus selected by the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover by their letters, sealed with the seal of Mayoralty of the said town of Dover, and carried by a serjeant of the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover: and the said Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Faversham, and their successors, shall certify and notify the receipt of the said letter in the town of Faversham aforesaid by the said serjeant of the said town of Dover by another letter under the seal of the Mayoralty of the said town of Faversham: and as often as it happen that the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, their heirs and successors, fail in the certificate or return, in mode and form above specified, so often the said Mayor and Commonalty, their heirs and successors, of the said town of Dover, shall pay to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Faversham aforesaid, their heirs and successors, 20*s*. sterling,

membrorum, inveniantur, nomine Withernamii levand' : consimiliterque extunc in omnibus facient partes predictæ ante dictum quodlibet certum parliamentum quod dominus Rex vel heredes sui deinceps summoniri faciet vel facient in futuro : Et quociens contigerit predictos Majorem et Communitatem predictæ ville Dovorre heredes et successores suos aliquo modo fore gravatos seu molestatos occasione non comparicionis aut absencie Baronis sic electi predictæ ville de ffaversham, per predictos Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville Dovorre sic ad aliquod certum parliamentum retornatum, absencia seu non comparicione predicti ejusdem Baronis dicte ville de ffaversham prefatis Majori et Communitati predictæ ville Dovorre et successoribus suis sufficienter notificata, quod tunc tociens predicti Major et Communitas predictæ ville de ffaversham heredes et successores sui prefatos Majorem et Communitatem predictæ ville Dovorre heredes et successores suos erga dominum Regem et heredes suos de dicto gravamine seu molestatione ac de omnibus costis et expensis ea occasione quovismodo habitis et sustentatis totaliter conservabunt indemnes, modo et forma districti[onis] superius specificato, et forma litterarum et processus nomine Withernamii, de omnibus bonis et catallis predictorum Majoris et Communitatis dicte ville de ffaversham heredum et successorum suorum in quibuscumque villis sive locis quinque portuum, aut membrorum suorum, inveniantur, levand' et tenend' : Insuper dicti Major et Communitas dicte ville Dovorre et successores sui solvent apud villam Dovorre predictæ, ad finem dicti parliamenti, Baroni illi dicte ville de ffaversham quem, ut premititur, ad aliquod certum parliamentum imposterum fecerint retornari, aut suo certo attornato, pro quolibet die quo parliamentum illud ad quod sic retornatus exstiterit viginti denarios sterlingorum [proviso] semper quod quando contingeret omnes Barones quinque portuum ad tale parliamentum electos et retornatos, tribus vel pluribus exceptis, licentia domini Regis et heredum suorum de dicto parlamento redire, et dictis tribus vel pluribus Baronibus usque ad

to be levied under the name of Withernam, on the goods and chattels of the said Barons of Dover, their heirs and successors in whatsoever places of the Cinque Ports, or their Limbs, they be found : and the aforesaid parties shall similarly act henceforward in all cases before any said certain Parliament which the Lord King, or his heirs, hereafter causes or cause to be summoned : and as often as it shall occur that the said Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover, their heirs and successors, be hurt or molested by reason of the non-appearance or absence of the Baron of the town of Faversham aforesaid so chosen, and by the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover thus returned to any certain Parliament, the absence or non-appearance of the aforesaid said Baron of the said town of Faversham, having been sufficiently notified to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover and their successors, that then so often the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Faversham, their heirs and successors, shall hold entirely indemnified the aforesaid the Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover, and their successors, to the Lord King, and his heirs, for the said hurt or molestation, and for all costs and expenses on that account, had or sustained in any way whatsoever, by the mode and form of distraint above specified, and by the form of letters and process called Withernam, to be levied and held on all the goods and chattels of the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham, their heirs and successors, in whatsoever towns or places of the Cinque Ports, or their Limbs, they may be found : furthermore, the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, and their successors, shall pay in the town of Dover aforesaid, at the end of the said Parliament, to that Baron of the said town of Faversham, whom, as is premised, they shall cause to be returned to any certain Parliament in future, or to his certain attorney, for each day that he shall be present at that Parliament to which he is thus returned, 20*d.* sterling, provided always

finem parlamenti, pro se et omnibus Baronibus quinque portuum, ibidem expectant, quorum trium vel plurium Baronum ipse Baro electus ville de ffaveresham predicte sit nullus, quod extunc ad reditum dictorum Baronum a parlamento predicto, post tempus licencie predicte, cesset ejus solucio viginti denariorum per diem, solucione vadiorum ejusdem Baronis quatuor dierum eundo ad dictum parlamentum et redeundo ab eodem parlamento, videlicet, pro quolibet die viginti denarios, eidem Baroni omnino reservato : Et si ipse Baro de ffaveresham sit unus illorum trium Baronum vel plurium sic electus usque ad finem parlamenti expectare, quod extunc capiet viginti denarios per diem usque ad finem dicti parlamenti, et pro quatuor diebus ultra, videlicet, pro duobus diebus in eundo ad idem parlamentum et pro duobus diebus in redeundo ab eodem fine parlamenti, videlicet, pro quolibet die viginti denarios : Et preterea predicti Major et Communitas predicte ville Dovorre concesserunt pro se et successoribus suis per presentes quod quociens continget predictam solucionem viginti denariorum per diem, post finem parlamenti per sex dies, ut premittitur, solvend', aretro fore in parte vel in toto non solutam, quod extunc tociens bene liceat dictis Majori et Communitati predicte ville de ffaveresham heredibus et successoribus suis dictos Majorem et Communitatem dicte ville Dovorre heredes et successores suos per omnia bona et catalla sua in quibuscumque locis et villis quinque portuum, aut eorum membrorum, inveniantur distringere, et ea, nomine Withernamii, detinere quousque de eo quod eidem Baroni de vadiis suis modo et fornâ superius debito, unacum omnibus arreragiis misis et expensis ea occasione habitis, plenarie fuerint satisfactum : Et ad omnes et singulas convenciones

that when it shall occur that all the Barons of the Cinque Ports elected and returned to such a Parliament, three or more excepted, come back from the said Parliament by licence of the Lord King and his heirs, and the said three or more Barons remain there for themselves and all the Barons of the Cinque Ports, of which three or more Barons that Baron elected from the town of Faversham aforesaid be not one, that then on the return of the said Barons from the said Parliament, after the time of the licence aforesaid, his payment of 20*d. per diem* shall cease, the payment of the wage of the said Baron for four days in going and returning to the said Parliament, to wit, 20*d.* for each day, being entirely reserved to the said Baron : and if the said Baron of Faversham be one of those three or more Barons so chosen to stay to the end of the Parliament, that then he shall receive 20*d. per diem* until the end of the said Parliament, and for four days more, to wit, for two days in going to the said Parliament and for two in returning at the said termination of the Parliament, to wit, 20*d.* for every day : and futhermore, the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town of Dover have granted for themselves and their successors by the presents, that as often as it shall occur that the aforesaid payment of 20*d. per diem* to be paid, as is premised, be in arrear, unpaid for six days after the end of the Parliament, in part or in whole, that then so often it may be fully lawful to the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Faversham, their heirs and successors, to distrain on the said Mayor and Commonalty of the said town of Dover, their heirs and successors, by all their goods and chattels in whatsoever places and towns of the Cinque Ports, or their Limbs, they may be found, and, under the name of Withernam, to detain them until that which to the said Baron for his wages, in mode and form above, is due, together with all arrears, payments, and expenses, on that account incurred, shall be fully paid : and to the good and faithful holding and fulfilling all and singular these agreements by

supradictas ex utraque parte bene et fideliter tenend' et perimplend' quelibet pars se obligat alternatim per presentes.

Hiis testibus: Willelmo Brewes, tunc Majore ville Dovorre predicte; Waltero Nesham, tunc Ballivo; Waltero Stratton; Johanne Braban; Johanne Warde; Thoma Goore; Willelmo Hamonde; Waltero Poope, et Ricardo Grygge, Juratis ville predicte Dovorre; ac Simone Orewell, tunc Majore ville de ffaveresham; Johanne Parys, tunc Ballivo; Johanne Seyntcler; Ricardo Dreilonde; Johanne Rogger; Petro Napiltone; Johanne Wottone; Johanne ffaveresham, et Roberto Wustel, Juratis ejusdem ville de ffaveresham.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis endenturis tripartitis tam sigilla predictorum Majorum et Communitatum quam sigilla arbitratorum sive mediatorum predictorum seperatim sunt appensa.

Data primo die mensis Augusti anno domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo octavo, et anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, sexto decimo.

The seal of Faversham, almost perfect, remains; and part of what appears to be the seal of Dover Castle.

either party, each party alternately binds itself by these presents.

Witnesses : William Brewes, then Mayor of the town of Dover aforesaid ; Walter Nesham, then Bailiff ; Walter Stratton ; John Braban ; John Ward ; Thomas Goore ; William Hammond ; Walter Poop ; and Richard Grigge, Jurats of the aforesaid town of Dover : and Simon Orewell, then Mayor of the town of Faversham ; John Paris, then Bailiff ; John Saint Clere ; Richard Dreilond ; John Rogger ; Peter Napilton ; John Wotton ; John Faversham ; and Robert Wustel, Jurats of the said town of Faversham.

In witness whereof, as well the seals of the aforesaid Mayors and Commonalties as the seals of the arbitrators or mediators are severally affixed to these tripartite indentures.

Given on the first day of the month of August, A.D. 1430, and in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

LXIV.

ij Aprilis, 15 Henry VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Johannes Braban, Egidius Hotone, et Walterus Benyt, de Dovorra, dimisimus, concessimus, et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Johanni Denne, de parochia de Kyngestone, et Stephano Belsyse, de parochia Elham, in Comitatu Kancie, omnia illa terras et tenementa redditus et servicia cum suis pertinenciis jacentes et existentes infra libertatem Portus Dovorre et extra, in Comitatu Kancie, que et quas nuper habuimus ex dono et feoffamento Thome Colyn, alias Oxenden, defuncti, et Issabelle, uxoris ejus : habend' et tenend' omnia illa terras et tenementa redditus et servicia cum pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Denne, et Stephano, heredibus et assignatis suis inperpetuum : faciend' inde tam servicium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti, quam capitalibus dominis feodi illius pro serviciis eis inde debitis et de jure consuetis.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Datum secundo die mensis Aprilis anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum, quinto decimo.

Hiis testibus : Willelmo Brewys, tunc Majore portus predicti ; Waltero Stratton ; Thoma Arnolde ; Willelmo Hamonde ; Thoma Combe ; Thoma Bovere ; et aliis.

LXIV.

2 April 1437.

Know all present and future that we, John Braban, Giles Hoton, and Walter Benit, of Dover, have demised, granted, and, by this our present charter, confirmed to John Denne, of the Parish of Kingston, and Stephen Belsise, of the Parish of Elham, in the County of Kent, all those lands and tenements, rents and services, with their appurtenances, lying and being within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, and without, in the County of Kent, all of which we lately had of the gift and feoffment of Thomas Colin, *alias* Oxenden, deceased, and Isabella, his wife : to have and to hold all those lands and tenements, rents and services, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Denne and Stephen, their heir and assigns, for ever : they doing therefor as well the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, as also the services due therefrom and by right accustomed to the capital lords of that fee.

In witness whereof we have set our seals to this our present charter.

Given on the second day of the month of April in the fifteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth after the conquest.

Witnesses : William Brewis, then Mayor of the port aforesaid ; Walter Stratton ; Thomas Arnold ; William Hamond ; Thomas Combe ; Thomas Bover ; and others.

LXV.

xix Februarii, 18 Hen. VI.

[H]ENRICUS dei gracia Rex Anglie et ffrancie, et Dominus Hibernie, Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—
Salutem.

Sciatis, quod cum dilecti nostri Major et Communitas ville nostre Dovorre nobis nuper intimaverunt, ut cum persone villam predictam inhabitantes muros ejusdem contra rabiem et seviciem maris ibidem, aliaque onera importabilia prefatis inhabitantibus pro defensione ville predictæ imposita, reparare et manutenere teneantur similiter et astringantur, quamquam ea facere nequiunt nec sufficiunt quovis modo, per quod muri predicti in defectum reparacionis et constructionis eorundem dirruti sunt et prostrati, sicque mare ibidem villam nostram predictam processu temporis superundare et destruere assimilatur nisi per nos cicius relevetur et succuratur : Ac ubi a tempore quo villa Cales per nobilem progenitorem nostrum Edwardum conquesta fuit et adquisita quousque ipsi de eadem villa nuper pro magnis sumptibus et deperditis ac aventuris, que ipsi de tempore in tempus pro conversacione et custodia predicti passagii ibidem supportarunt, libertates et franchisesias subsequenter habuerunt et tenuerunt eisque usi fuerunt et gavisi, videlicet, quod ipsi de Dovorra cum passagio suo usque dictam villam Cales, et non ad alium locum ; nec ipsi de Cales cum suo passagio ad alium locum preterquam ad Dovorram transirent seu applicarent, nisi ipsi per magnam vel subitanream tempestatem, vel preceptum Regium, seu frettum sive onustacionem merchandise que ad passagium non pertinent, impedirentur ; et quod ipsi de Dovorra integrum frettum sive onustacionem et proficuum passagii nostri ac navium versus dictam villam Cales transeuncium et applicancium, consimili modo quod ipsi de Cales de illis qui ad Dovorram confluerent haberent, ita quod nec ipsi de Cales aliquos frettum sive passagium navium de Dovorra, nec ipsi de Dovorra de fretto sive passagio navium Cales, perciperent quovis modo, nisi per aliquam

L X V.

19 February 1440.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, to all to whom these present letters shall come—Greeting.

Know ye that, whereas our beloved the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Dover have lately made known to us that as the persons inhabiting the said town are bound and similarly engaged to repair and maintain the walls of the same against the rage and cruelty of the sea there, and other burdens insupportable by the aforesaid inhabitants, laid upon them for the defence of the said town, although they are not able or sufficient in any way to do so, because the walls aforesaid, in defect of their repair and construction, are battered and prostrate, so that the sea there is like to inundate and destroy our said town in process of time unless by us it be speedily relieved and succoured: and whereas, from the time when the town of Calais was conquered and acquired by our noble progenitor Edward, they of the said town have until recently, by great expenses and losses and ventures, which they from time to time have supported for the preservation and custody of the aforesaid Passage there, used and enjoyed liberties and franchises subsequently had and held to them, to wit, that they of Dover, with its Passage, should cross to, or land at, the said town of Calais, and not to any other place; nor they of Calais, with its Passage, to any place except Dover, unless they be impeded by a great or sudden tempest, or the King's precept, or by a freight or cargo which does not pertain to the Passage; and that they of Dover might have the whole freight or cargo and the profit of our Passage and ships crossing to, and landing at, the said town of Calais, and in like manner they of Calais from those crossing to Dover, so that neither they of Calais should take in any way whatsoever any freight or passage of the Dover ships, nor they of Dover the freight or passage of the Calais ships unless impeded by any new arrangement

novam compositionem inter eos contingentem faciend' impediretur ; et quod nullus mercator peregrinus equus sive animal extra aliquem portus in Comitatu Kancie usque Cales exiret preter Dovorra ; et si possessor alicujus navis pro passagio Dovorre ordinate navem illam, vel aliquam partem ejusdem, alicui alii in alio loco habitanti quam eidem passagio spectanti et intendenti venderet sive alienarit, quod tunc navis illa extra passagium illud pro perpetuo foret expulsa : quas quidem libertates et franchises ad presens variis mediis interrupte sunt et subtracte, in ejusdem ville nostre Dovorre et inhabitancium ejusdem, ac in speciali Custodum passagii ibidem, deterioracionem et diminucionem multiformes : sicque villa illa, tam ex causis predictis, quam pro eo quod inhabitores ejusdem pro majori parte ab eadem penitus recesserunt, ac medietas ejusdem ville quasi vacua et desolata exstitit, mansionesque ejusdem in ruinam multipliciter devenerunt, de verisimili finaliter destruentur, habitantesque in eadem eam necessarie relinquere oportebit, ut dicitur, nisi sibi de remedio in hac parte congruo cicius provideatur : unde nobis supplicarunt Major et Communitas supradicti ut quandem paupertatem et inopiam dicte ville Dovorre ac habitancium ejusdem considerare velimus, ac pro salvacione relevamine eorundem benignissime providere et prefatis Majori et Communitati quod ipsi et successores sui libertatibus et franchises predictis absque contradiccione interrupcione sive impedimento quocumque uti et gaudere, ipsique inter et super seipsos tales ordinationes penales quales sibi pro debita conservacione et custodia earundem libertatum et franchisesiarum [videbi]tur necessarie et oportune, ac pro factura et construcionem navium, que pro passagio predicto sic fiunt et fient, ut naves ille fideles fortes et secure, ac de bona materia tam in maeremio ac bono opere et fideli quam in opere ferreo et omnibus aliis rebus necessariis pro securitate et fortificatione navi[um illorum] facte et fabricate existant licite facere valeant. Nos, ad premissa consideracionem habentes, ac pro conservacione et salvacione dicte ville nostre providere volentes, ut tenemur, de gracia

about to be made between them; and that no merchant pilgrim or horse should leave any port in the County of Kent for Calais except Dover; and if the owner of any ship allowed for the Passage of Dover should sell or alienate that ship, or any share of it, to anyone else dwelling in any place other than one belonging to, or connected with, the said Passage, that that ship be expelled from that Passage for ever: which liberties and franchises, indeed, at the present time by various means are broken and disregarded to the multiform deterioration and diminution of our said town of Dover and the inhabitants of the same, and especially of the Wardens of the Passage there; so that the said town, as well for the causes aforesaid as because the inhabitants of the same for the greater part have almost entirely left it, and half of the town is empty and desolate, and its houses have in many cases fallen into ruins, will very likely finally be destroyed, and its inhabitants necessarily compelled to leave it, as is said, unless some fitting remedy on this behalf be provided quickly: wherefore, the abovesaid Mayor and Commonalty have besought us that we be willing to consider the said poverty and want of the said town of Dover and its inhabitants, and most graciously to provide for their relief and salvation, and for the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty that they and their successors may use and enjoy the liberties and franchises aforesaid without contradiction, interruption, or impediment whatsoever, and that they be able to make among themselves and for themselves such penal ordinances as shall appear necessary and fitting to them for the due preservation and ward of their liberties and franchises, and for the building and construction of ships, which for the Passage aforesaid are and shall be so made, that those ships may be made and built true, strong, and safe, and of good material, as well in wood and good and faithful work as in iron work, and all other things necessary for the safety and strengthening of those ships. We, having regard to the premises, and wishing, as we are bound, to provide for the preservation and safety of our said town, Grant of our

nostra speciali concessimus prefatis Majori et Communitati dicte ville nostre Dovorre et successoribus suis, quod ipsi habeant omnes franchises predictas eisque gaudeant et utantur juxta vim, tenorem, et effectum earundem, imperpetuum, absque contradiccione, impedimento, sive obstaculo quocumque; et quod ipsi inter et super se tales ordinationes penales quales sibi pro debita observacione et custodia franchesiarum predictarum, ac factura navium que passagio predicto sic fiunt et fient ut eedem naves de secura forti ac bona materia et fideli, tam in maeremio et fideli opere, quam in opere ferreo quocumque ac omnibus aliis rebus necessariis pro fortificatione et securitate navium predictarum videbitur necessarie et oportune, licite facere valeant.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Redyng decimo nono die februarii, anno regni nostri decimo octavo.

[*Per breve de privato sigillo—Louth.*]

special grace to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty of our said town of Dover and their successors, that they may have all the aforesaid franchises, and use and enjoy them, according to the power, tenour, and effect of them, for ever, without contradiction, impediment, or obstacle whatsoever ; and that they may make among themselves, and for themselves, such penal ordinances as shall appear necessary and fitting to them for the due preservation and ward of the franchises aforesaid, and for the making of the ships, which for the Passage aforesaid are and shall be so made, that the said ships be of sure, strong, and good and true material, as well in wood and true work as in all sort of iron work, and all other things necessary for the strengthening and safety of the ships aforesaid.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be patent.

Witness myself at Reading on the nineteenth day of February in the eighteenth year of our reign.

[*By a writ of Privy Seal—Louthe.*]

A portion of the seal remains.

LXVI.

Mense Junii, 19 Hen. VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Johannes Beggynge, de parochia de Merdene, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Willelmo Mellere, Johanni Denys, de Merdene predicta, et Johanni Oxe, de Coutherst, unum mesuagium cum gardino et septem pecias terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis adinvicem jacentes in parochia de Merdene predicta super dennas de Hyerffelde et fferthyngabir, videlicet, versus east ad terram Thome Bodyham, versus south ad Regiam stratam, versus west ad terram Johannis Joope, et versus north ad terram Prioris et Conventus de Ledys, sicut mete et bunde dividunt et demonstrant : habend' et tenend' predictum mesuagium cum gardino et septem pecias terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Willelmo, Johanni, et Johanni, heredibus eorum et eorum assignatis, imperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta : Et ego, vero predictus Johannes Beggynge, et heredes mei, totum predictum mesuagium cum gardino et septem pecias terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Willelmo Mellere, Johanni Denys, et Johanni Oxe, heredibus eorum et eorum assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Merdene predictam die Jovis proximo post Festum Sancti Barnabe Apostoli anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, decimo nono.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo Leveshothe ; Ricardo Cownsell ; Johanne Mayhewe ; Johanne Chapmane ; Ricardo Joope ; et multis aliis.

LXVI.

15 June 1441.

Know all present and future that I, John Begging, of the Parish of Merden, have given, granted, and by, this my present charter, have confirmed to William Meller, John Denis, of Merden aforesaid, and John Oxe, of Couterst, a messuage with a garden and seven pieces of land with all its appurtenances severally, lying in the Parish of Merden aforesaid in the Dennes of Hier Field and Ferthing *Gibir, to wit, next the land of Thomas Bodiham to the east, next the King's highway to the south, to the west next the land of John Joop, and to the north next the land of the Prior and Convent of Leeds, as the metes and bounds divide and show : to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage, with the garden and seven pieces of land with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid William, John, and John, their heirs and assigns, for ever, from the capital lords of that fee, for the services thence due and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid John Begging, and my heirs, will warrant all the aforesaid messuage, with the garden and seven pieces of land with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Meller, John Denis, and John Oxe, their heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Merden on the Thursday next after the Feast of S. Barnabas the Apostle aforesaid, in the nineteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Richard Levershotte ; Richard Counsell ; John Mayhew ; John Chapman ; Richard Joop : and many others.

* Cf. *Geburscrip*, a neighbouring town. *Fartbing* means a certain quantity of land. *Farding* deal a quarter of an acre.

LXVII.

xxix Septembris, 21 Hen. VI.

[HEC indentura facta inter] dominum Johannem Wellis, magistrum hospitalis domus dei Dovorre et confratres ejusdem domus ex parte una, et Johannem Gate, de parochia de Col[rede ex altera] parte, testatur, quod predicti magister et confratres ex eorum unanimi assensu pariter et consensu concesserunt tradiderunt et ad firmam dimiserunt predicto Johanni, octo acras et tres rodas [terre cum perti]nenciis suis jacentes in parochia de Colrede, unde due acre terre jacent besowhitowne latitudine ad terram Roberti Poysohe sowth, et terram magistri north, capitantes communi drofe east [et north ; et] due acre terre jacent apud Cowtheye latitudine ad terram Willelmi Cowper easth, et terram magistri westh, capitantes communi drofe sowth ; et due acre jacent juxta . . . sowth [et west] ad terram magistri sowth et easth, capitant[es] communi drofe sowth ; et quinque rode terre jacent apud boverystowne latitudine ad terram magistri west, et Willelmi Cowper east, capitantes ad Regiam Stratam north ; et una acra terre jacens apud Crowche latitudine ad terram Willelmi Poysohe west, et terram magistri east, capitans communi forstalle north ; et tres rode terre jacent [apud Crowthe]ye latitudine ad terram Thome Bakarre west, et terram magistri east, capitantes ad Bromfelde sowth : habend' et tenend' predictas octo acras tres rodas terre [cum suis pertinenciis], exceptis libertatibus carte nostre regie, predicto Johanni heredibus et assignatis suis a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli usque in finem decem annorum proximorum sequentium [plene completorum] : reddend' inde annuatim predictis magistro et confratribus et successoribus suis in hospitale predicta duo quarteria ordeï cum duobus buscellis ordeï p[er]petui redditus solvend' in] Festo Purificacionis beate Marie : et si contingat dictam annualem firmam ad terminum predictum durante termino predicto in parte vel [in] toto aretro [fore] non [solutam, extunc bene licebit] magistro et confratribus et successoribus suis tam in

LXVII.

29 September 1442.

THIS indenture, made between John Wellis, Master of the Hospital of the House of God of Dover and the Brethren of the said House on the one part, and John Gate, of the Parish of Col[red on the other] part, witnesseth, that the aforesaid Master and Brethren, by their unanimous assent and likewise consent, have granted, let, and at ferm demised, to the aforesaid John, eight acres and three roods [of land with their appur]tenances lying in the Parish of Colred, of which two acres lie in Southtoun(?) alongside the land of Robert Poisohe to the south, and the land of the said Master to the north, abutting on the Common Drove to the east [and north ; and] two acres of the land lie at Cowtheie alongside the land of William Cowper to the east, and the land of the Master to the west, abutting the Common Drove to the south ; and two acres lie near . . . to the south [and west], next the land of the Master to the south and east, abutting on the Common Drove to the south ; and five roods of land lie at Boveris town alongside the land of the Master to the west, and of William Cowper to the east, abutting on the King's highway to the north ; and one acre of the land lying at Crouche alongside the land of William Poisohe to the west, and the land of the Master to the east, abutting on the Common Forstall to the north ; and three roods of the land lie at [Crothe]ie alongside the land of Thomas Baker to the west, and the land of the Master to the east, abutting on Broomfield to the south : to have and to hold the aforesaid eight acres three roods of land [with their appurtenances], the liberties of our Royal Charter excepted, to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, from the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel to the end of the ten years next following [fully completed] : on paying therefor annually to the aforesaid Master and Brethren and their successors at the Hospital aforesaid, two quarters two bushels of barley of p[erpetual rent to be paid on] the Feast of the Purification of the

predictis octo acris terre et tribus rodīs terre quam in terris et tenementis dicti Johannis distringere, et [distri]cciones [sic] captas [abducere asportare et retinere quousque] de omnibus arreragiis dicte firme simul cum dampnis et expensis causa hujus detencionis habitis plenarie fuerit satisfactum : [et predicti] magister et confratres et successores sui predictas octo acras et tres rodas terre cum pertinenciis suis predicto Johanni, in forma prescripta, warantizabimus [contra omnes gentes imperpetuum] : et supradictus Johannes heredes sive assignati sui dictas octo acras et tres rodas terre post [dictum terminum] plenarie sursum liberabunt in tam bono statu sicut a dictis magistro et confratribus in principio receperunt.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti indenture tam [sigillum] commune ipsorum magistri et confratrum [quam sigillum] dicti Johannis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data in domo dei Dovorre in Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli [anno] regni Regis Henric[i, *sex]ti post conquestum] Anglie, vicesimo primo.

The deed is much obliterated and torn in several places.

* The date of this charter is fixed in Henry VI.'s reign by the name of the Master John Wellis, who, from other sources, is known to have been the occupant of that office about 1442.

Blessed Mary : and if it happens that the said yearly ferm be in arrear un[paid] at the term aforesaid during the term aforesaid, in part or in whole [then it shall be fully lawful] for the Master and Brethren and their successors to distrain not only on the aforesaid eight acres and three roods of land, but also on the lands and tenements of the said John, and the [distresses] thus taken [to lead away, carry off, and retain until] satisfaction shall be fully made for all arrears of the said ferm, together with the damages and expenses incurred by reason of this detention : [and the aforesaid] Master and Brethren, and their successors, will warrant the aforesaid eight acres three roods of land with their appurtenances to the aforesaid John, in the form afore-written [against all men for ever] : and the above-written John, his heirs or assigns, will fully deliver up the said eight acres and three roods of land after the said term in as good a state as they received it from the said Master and Brethren in the beginning.

In witness whereof, as well the common [seal] of the said Master and Brethren [as the seal] of the said John, are alternately affixed to the present indenture.

Given in the House of God of Dover, on the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel, in the twenty-first [year] of the reign of King Henry, [the sixth] of England [after the conquest].

LXVIII.

xxv Novembris, 21 Henry VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Johannes fflempton, clericus, Willelmus Byxspeche, ac Ricardus Hunte, junior, de Parochia de Langle, in Comitatu Kancie, dedimus, concessimus, et, hac presenti carta nostra, confirmavimus Johanni fforde, juniore, de Parochia de Ledes, in Comitatu predicto, ac Thome Hunte, de Parochia de Langle predicta, unam peciam terre jacentem in Parochia de Suttone Valence inter terram, quondam Ricardi persone, versus east, et Regiam Stratam ducentem a Langlegheres Crouche usque Wodegate versus south, et terram quondam Jacobi Norton versus west, et ad terram quondam Johannis Lake versus north: habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni fforde, juniore, et Thome Hunte, heredibus et assignatis suis, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicium inde debitum ac de jure consuetum imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium nos, predicti Johannes fflempton, clericus, Willelmus Byxspeche, ac Ricardus Hunte, huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Hiis testibus: Roberto Wodegate, de Ledes antedicta; Ricardo Brownyng, seniori; Ricardo Brownyng, juniore; Johanne Leene, de Suttone Valence; Johanne Hunte; Roberto ffryk, juniore, de Langle; et multis aliis.

Datum apud Langle predictam, vicesimo quinto die mensis Novembris, anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, vicesimo primo.

LXVIII.

25 November 1442.

KNOW all present and future that we, John Flempton, clerk, and William Bixspeech, and Richard Hunt, junior, of the Parish of Langle, in the County of Kent, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to John Ford, junior, of the Parish of Leeds, in the County aforesaid, and Thomas Hunt, of the Parish of Langley aforesaid, one piece of land lying in the Parish of Sutton Valence between the land formerly belonging to Richard the Rector to the east, and the King's highway, leading from Langlegheres Cross to Woodgate, to the south, and the land formerly John Lake's to the north : to have and to hold the aforesaid piece of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Ford, junior, and Thomas Hunt, their heirs and assigns, from the capital lords of that fee for the services thence due and by right accustomed, for ever.

In witness whereof we, the aforesaid John Flempton, clerk, William Bixspeech, and Richard Hunt, have set our seals to this our present charter.

Witnesses : Robert Wodegate, of Leeds aforesaid ; Richard Browning, senior ; Richard Browning, junior ; John Leen, of Sutton Valence ; John Hunt ; Robert Frik, junior, of Langley ; and many others.

Given at Langley aforesaid the twenty-fifth day of the month of November in the twenty-first year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

LXIX.

vi Novembris, 25 Hen. VI.

HENRICUS, dei gracia Rex Anglie, ffrancie, Dominus Hibernie; Omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem.

Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali et ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus Radulpho Toke, alias dicto Radulpho Touke, Majori Ville Dovorre, ac Waltero Nysham, Ballivo, ac Communitati ejusdem ville, quibuscumque aliis nominibus censeantur, omnimodas transgressiones, offensas, misprisiones, contemptus, et impeticiones per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante nonum diem Aprilis ultimum preteritum, contra formam statutorum de liberatis pannorum et tapiciorum factas sive perpetratas, unde punicio caderet in finem et redempcionem, aut in alias penas pecuniarias seu imprisonmenta, statutis predictis non obstantibus: et insuper ex motu et scientia nostris pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, sectam pacis nostre que ad nos versus ipsos pertinet, pro omnimodis prodicionibus murdris, raptibus mulierum, rebellionibus, insurreccionibus, feloniis, conspiracionibus, cambipartiis, manutenenciis, et imbraciariis, et aliis transgressionibus, offensis, negligenciis, extorsionibus, misprisionibus, ignoranciis, contemptibus, concelamentis, forisfacturis, et decepcionibus, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis, qualitercumque factis sive perpetratis; ac eciam utlagarie que in ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem hiis occasionibus, seu earum aliqua, fuerint promulgate; et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus, ita tamen quod stent recto in Curia nostra si quis versus eos loqui voluerit de premissis, vel aliquo premissorum; Dum tamen iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas proditores de aliqua prodicione personam nostram tangente, palam vel occulte, non existant: et ulte-

LXIX.

6 November 1446.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England, France, Lord of Ireland; to all his Bailiffs and Lieges to whom the present letters shall come—Greeting.

Know that, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge, and by our mere motion, we have pardoned, remitted, and released to Ralph Toke, otherwise called Ralph Touke, Mayor of the town of Dover, and Walter Nysham, Bailiff, and the Commonalty of the said town, by whatsoever other names they be enrolled, all manner of trespasses, offences, misprisions, contempts, and impeachments committed or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the ninth day of April last past against the form of the Statutes for the Livery of Cloths and Tapestries, for which punishment might befall in fine and ransom, or in other pecuniary penalties or imprisonments, the statutes aforesaid notwithstanding: and, furthermore, of our motion and knowledge, we have pardoned, remitted, and released to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty the Suit of our Peace which belongs to us against them for all kinds of treasons, murders, rapes of women, rebellions, insurrections, felonies, conspiracies, champerties, maintenances, and embraceries, and all other trespasses, offences, negligences, extortions, misprisions, ignorances, contempts, concealments, forfeitures, and frauds, however committed and perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said ninth day of April; and also the outlawries which may have been promulgated for these reasons, or any one of them, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty; and we grant them our firm peace on that behalf, so that, however they may abide the sentence in our Court, if any shall have wished to plead against them for the premises, or any one of the premises; provided that, nevertheless, the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty be not traitors, openly or secretly, for any treason concerning our person: and, furthermore,

rius pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimoda escapea felonum, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, catalla utlagatorum et felonum de se, deodanda, vasta, impeticiones, ac omnimodos articulos itineris, destrucciones et transgressiones de viridi vel venacione, vendicionem boscorum, infra forestas et extra et aliarum rerum quarumcumque, ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis, infra regnum Anglie et Marchias Wallie * evidentia et eventa, unde punicio caderet in demandam debitam, seu in finem et redempcionem, aut in alias penas pecuniarias, seu in forisfacturum bonorum et catallorum, aut imprisonamenta, seu amerciamenta Communitatum Villarum vel singularium personarum, vel in oneracionem liberi tenementi eorum qui nunquam transgressi fuerunt, ut heredum executorum vel terre tenencium, escaetorum, vicecomitum, coronatorum, et aliorum hujusmodi, et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem pertinet, seu pertinere posset, ex causis supradictis : Aceciam pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas donaciones, alienaciones, et perquisiciones per ipsos de terris et tenementis de nobis, vel progenitoribus nostris quondam Regibus Anglie, in capite tentis : Aceciam omnimodas donaciones et perquisiciones ad manum mortuam factas et habitas absque licencia regia ; necnon omnimodas intrusiones et ingressus in hereditatem suam, in parte vel in toto, post mortem antecessorum suorum absque debita prosecutione ejusdem extra manum regiam, ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis, factas, una cum exitibus et proficuis inde medio tempore preceptis : Et insuper pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas penas ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis forisfactas coram nobis, seu consilio nostro, Cancellario Thesaurarii, seu aliquo Judicum nostrorum, pro aliqua causa ; et omnes alias penas tam nobis, quam carissimo patri nostro defuncto, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem pro aliqua causa, ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis, forisfactas, et ad opus nostrum levand' ; ac omni-

we have pardoned, remitted, and released to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all kinds of escapes of felons, the chattels of felons and fugitives, the chattels of outlaws and suicides, deodands, wastes, impeachments, and all kinds of complaints in Eyre, destructions and trespasses of vert and venison, the sale of woods within and without the forests, and of other things whatsoever witnessed and proved before the said ninth day of April, within our kingdom of England and the Marches of Wales, for which punishment might befall in due demand, or in fine and ransom, or in other pecuniary penalties, or in forfeiture of goods and chattels, or imprisonments, or amercements of Commonalties, towns, and singular persons, or in the taxing of the free tenement of those who never trespassed, for example [the taxing] of heirs, executors, or of tenants of land, escheators, sheriffs, coroners, and of others of this sort, and all that which pertains, or might pertain, to us against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty from the abovesaid causes : Also we have pardoned, remitted, and released to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all their donations, alienations, and perquisitions of lands and tenements held *in capite* from us or our progenitors, formerly Kings of England : And also all kinds of donations and perquisitions made and had in mortmain without the royal licence ; also all kinds of intrusions and entries made on their inheritance, in part or in whole, after the death of their ancestors without due information of the same without the royal hand, before the said ninth day of April, together with the issues and profits in the meantime therefrom received : And, furthermore, we have pardoned, remitted, and released to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all kinds of penalties forfeited before the said ninth day of April, before us, or our Council, the Chancellor of the Treasury, or other of our Judges, for any cause ; and all other penalties forfeited, and to be levied for our use, not only to us, but also to our dearest father deceased, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty for any cause before the said ninth day of April ; and all kinds of sureties of

modas securitates pacis, ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis, similiter forisfactas: Aceciam tercias et terciarum tercias omnimodorum prisonariorum in guerra captorum nobis, dicto nono die Aprilis, qualitercumque debitas pertinentes seu spectantes per eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem; necnon omnimodas transgressiones, offensas, misprisiones, contemptus, et impetitiones per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis contra formam tam quorumcumque statutorum, ordinacionium, et provisionum ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis, factorum sive editorum de perquisicionibus, acceptacionibus, leccionibus, publicacionibus, notificacionibus, et execucionibus quibuscumque quarumcumque litterarum et bullarum apostolicarum ante dictum nonum diem Aprilis, et omnium aliorum statutorum, ordinacionium, et provisionum, pretextu quorum aliqua secta versus eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem per billam vel per breve de premunire facta, seu alio modo quocumque, pro aliqua materia ante eundem nonum diem Aprilis fieri valeat, quam quorumcumque aliorum statutorum, factas sive perpetratas, statutis ordinacionibus et provisionibus illis non obstantibus: Aceciam pardonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodos fines, adjudicata amerciamenta, exitus, forisfactos, relevia, scutagia, ac omnimoda debita, compota, prestita, arreragia firmarum et compotorum nobis, ante primum diem Septembris anno regni nostri* vicesimo, qualitercumque debita et pertinencia; necnon omnimodas acciones et demandas quas nos solus, vel nos conjunctim, cum aliis personis vel alia persona, habemus seu habere poterimus versus ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem pro aliquibus hujusmodi finibus, amerciamentis, exitibus, releviis, scutagiis, debitis, compotis, prestitis, et arreragiis, ante eundem primum die Septembris, nobis debitis; aceciam utlagarias in ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem promulgatas pro aliqua causarum supradictarum, omnimodis debitis et compotis nobis debitis et pertinentibus, que vigore littera-

peace likewise forfeited before the said ninth day of April ; and also the thirds and thirds of thirds of all manner of prisoners captured in war howsoever due appertaining and belonging on the said ninth day of April by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty ; also all manner of trespasses, offenses, misprisions, contempts, and impeachments committed or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said ninth day of April, against the form as well of all statutes, ordinances, and provisions made or published before the said ninth day of April, concerning the perquisitions, acceptances, readings, publications, notifications, and executions whatsoever of any letters and bulls apostolical before the said ninth day of April, and of all other statutes, ordinances, and provisions, by pretext of which any suit may be made against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by bill or by writ of *præmunire* made, or in any other way whatsoever, for any matter before the said ninth day of April, as of any other statutes whatsoever, these statutes, ordinances, and provisions notwithstanding : And also we have pardoned, remitted, and released to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of fines, adjudicated amercements, issues, forfeitures, reliefs, scutages, and all manner of debts, accounts, imprests, arrears of fermes and accounts howsoever due and pertaining to us before the first day of September in the twentieth year of our reign ; also all manner of actions and demands which we alone, or we conjointly with persons, or with another person, shall have, or shall be able to have, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty for any fines, amercements, issues, reliefs, scutages, debts, accounts, imprests, and arrears of this sort due to us before the said day of September ; and also the outlawries promulgated against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty for any of the causes abovesaid, all manner of debts and accounts due and pertaining to us, which are secured by the vigour of our letters patent, or of our writs of great or privy seal, by

rum nostrarum patencium, seu brevium nostrarum de magno vel privato sigillo, aut per estallamenta sive assignaciones respectuata existunt, omnino exceptis, ita quod presens pardonacio nostra quo ad premissa, seu aliqua premissorum, non cedat in dampnum prejudicium vel derogacionem alicujus alterius persone quam persone nostre; dumtaxat proviso semper quod nulla hujusmodi pardonacio nostra aliquo modo valeat, allocetur, nec fiat, nec aliqualiter se extendat ad Alienoram Cobham, filiam Reginaldi Cobham, militis; Johannem Bolton, de Bolton, in Comitatu Lancastrensi, bladsmith; Willelmum Wyghall, nuper custodem gaole nostre de Notyngham, nec ad eorum aliquem, neque ad feloniam de morte Cristoferi Talbot, militis, felonice interfecti, nuper perpetratam; nec quod presens pardonacio nostra, nec aliqua hujusmodi pardonacio nostra, aliqualiter se extendat quo ad aliquas lanas seu pelles lanitias, vel alias mercandisas de stapula, ad aliquas partes externas extra regnum nostrum Anglie, contra formam statuti in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium, in crastino Sancti Martini anno regni nostri decimo octavo, tento, editi, seu aliquorum aliorum statutorum, cariatas et traductas, nec ad aliquas forisfacturas nobis in hac parte pertinentes sive spectantes, nec ad exoneraciones sive acquietaciones aliquarum personarum de punicionibus super ipsas fiend' juxta formam statutorum, pro aliquibus lanis sive pellibus lanitiis vel aliis mercandisis de stapula ad aliquas hujusmodi partes externas contra formam eorundem statutorum cariatas sive traductis, nec quod presens pardonacio nostra, nec aliqua hujusmodi pardonacio nostra, ad aliquos magnos computantes nostros, videlicet, ad thesaurarium Cales et hospitii nostri, vitellarios Cales, camerarios Cestre, Northwalle, et Suthwelle, custodes garderobe hospicii nostri, aut custodes magne garderobe nostre, aut custodes sive clericos garderobe nostre, clericos operationum nostrarum, constabularios Burdegale, thesaurarium terre nostre Hibernie, et receptores Ducatus nostri Lancastrie et Ducatus nostri Cornubie,

mortgages or assignments, altogether excepted, so that our present pardon does not, as regards the premises, or any one of the premises, tend to the hurt, prejudice, or derogation of any other person than our own person ; provided always, moreover, that none our pardon of this sort in any way avail, be allotted, nor become, nor in any way be extended to * Eleanor Cobham, daughter of Reginald Cobham, knight ; John Bolton, of Bolton, in the County of Lancaster, blacksmith ; William Wighall, lately Warden of our gaol of Nottingham, nor to any one of them, nor to the felony recently perpetrated concerning the death of Christofer Talbot, knight, feloniously murdered ; nor that our present pardon, nor any our pardon of this sort, be in any way extended to any wool or wool fleeces or other merchandise of the staple carried and transported to any foreign parts without our kingdom of England, contrary to the form of the statute passed in our Parliament held at Westminster, on the morrow of S. Martin in the eighteenth year of our reign, or of any other statutes, nor to any fines pertaining or belonging to us on this behalf, nor to the exonerations and acquittances of any persons for punishments to be executed upon them, according to the form of the statute for any wool or woollen fleeces or other merchandise of the staple being carried or transported to any foreign parts of this sort, contrary to the form of the said statutes, nor that our present pardon, nor any our pardon of this sort, shall be in any way extended to any of our chief accountants, to wit, the Treasurer of Calais and of our household, the Victuallers of Calais, the Chamberlains of Chester, North Wales, and South Wales, the Keepers of the Wardrobe of our household, or the Keepers of our Great Wardrobe, or the Keepers and Clerks of our Wardrobe, the Clerks of our Works, the Constables of Bordeaux, the Treasurer of our Territory of Ireland, and the Receivers of our Duchy of Lancaster and our Duchy of Cornwall, as

* *Probably Eleanor Cobham, daughter of Lord Cobham, of Sterborough, the second wife of Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester. She was accused in 1441 of plotting against the life of the young King, and was imprisoned for life.*

tam generales quam particulares, quo ad aliqua hujusmodi officia sua seu hujusmodi occupationes suas aut alicujus eorundem tangencia ullo modo se extendant.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium sexto die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto.

[*Per ipsum regem in Parlamento—Godyng.*]

well general as particular, so far as appertain to any of their offices of this sort, or their occupations of this sort, or of any one of them in any way.

In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster on the sixth day of November in the twenty-fifth year of our reign.

[By the King himself in Parliament—Goding.]

A portion of the seal remains.

LXX.

xx Februarii, 25 Hen. VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Thomas Coumbe, de Dovorra, dedi, concessi, et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Johanni Goldsmyth, Rectori Sancti Johannis Baptiste, et Thome Toky, de eadem, omnia terras et tenementa mea redditus et servicia que habeo tam infra libertatem Portus Dovorre, quam alibi extra infra Comitatum Kancie : habend' et tenend' omnia predicta terras tenementa redditus et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Johanni, et Thome Toky, heredibus et assignatis suis : faciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti, ac alia inde servicia debita et de jure consueta : Et ego vero, prefatus Thomas Coumbe, et heredes mei, omnia predicta terras tenementa et redditus et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni, et Thome Toky, heredibus et suis assignatis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Hiis testibus : Radulpho Toke, Majore ; Waltero Nesham, Ballivo ; Thoma Goore ; Willelmo Brewys ; Ricardo Grygge ; Waltero Pope ; et aliis.

Data xx^o die mensis ffebruarii anno Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, vicesimo quinto.

L X X.

20 February 1447.

KNOW all present and future that I, Thomas Coumbe, of Dover, have given, granted, and by this my present charter, have confirmed to John Goldsmith, Rector of S. John the Baptist, and Thomas Toky, of the same town, all my lands, and tenements, rents, and services, which I have, as well within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, as elsewhere without, within the County of Kent : to have and to hold all the aforesaid lands, tenements, rents, and services, with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid John, and Thomas Toky, their heirs and assigns : they doing therefore the service of the Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid, and all other services due therefrom and by right accustomed : and I indeed, the aforesaid Thomas Coumbe, and my heirs, will warrant all the aforesaid lands, tenements, and rents, and services, with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid John, and Thomas Toky, their heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to this my charter.

Witnesses : Ralph Toke, Mayor ; Walter Nesham, Bailiff ; Thomas Goore ; William Brewis ; Richard Grigge ; Walter Pope ; and others.

Given on the twentieth day of the month of February in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

LXXI.

xxx Julii, 25 Hen. VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Radulphus Toke, armiger, Major Portus Dovorre, nomine et assensu totius Communitatis ejusdem Portus dimisi deliberavi, et, hac presenti carta mea indentata, confirmavi Willelmo Hawkyswelle, clerico, unam peciam terre jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre, et in Horspolwarde, prout jacet inter Regiam stratam versus north, et terram Ricardi Shortstrete south et west, ac mesuagium ejusdem Willelmi versus est : habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Willelmo heredibus et assignatis suis : faciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem Portus predicti cum acciderit, ac alia inde servicia debita et de jure consueta : et ulterius inde reddend' eidem Radulpho, et successoribus suis Majoribus Portus predicti, qui pro tempore erunt in futuro, ad Festum Pasche singulis annis unum annualem redditum trium denariorum solvend', et si contingat dictum annualem redditum ad dictum festum aretro fore non solutum seu postea per unum mensem quod tunc licitum erit prefato Radulpho et successoribus suis in predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis reintrare, et illam peciam terre in pristino statu suo retinere, hiis cartis indentatis non obstantibus.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti istarum cartarum indentatarum, penes prefatum Radulphum Majorem et successores suos remanenti, idem Willelmus sigillum suum apposuit, alteri vero parti, penes prefatum Willelmum Hawkyswelle remanenti, idem Radulphus Major sigillum officii majoratus Portus predicti fecit apponi.

Data Dovorra predicta, penultimo die mensis Julii anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, vicesimo quinto.

In dorso. "Rector ecclesie Sancti Jacobi."

LXXI.

30 July 1447.

Know all present and future that I, Ralph Toke, Esquire, Mayor of the Port of Dover, in the name and with the assent of the whole Commonalty of the said port, have demised, delivered, and, by this my present indented charter, have confirmed to William Hawkswell, clerk, one plot of land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, and in Horspol Ward, as it lies between the King's highway to the north, and the land of Richard Shortstreet south and west, and the messuage of the said William to the east : to have and to hold the said land with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid William, his heirs and assigns ; they doing therefor the service of the Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid when it shall befall, and other services thence due and by right accustomed : and furthermore, they paying to the said Ralph and his successors, the Mayors of the port aforesaid for the time being in future, an annual rent of 3*d.*, payable every year at the Feast of Easter : and if it happen that the said annual rent be unpaid in arrear at the said feast or afterwards for one month, that then it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Ralph and his successors, to re-enter into the aforesaid piece of land with its appurtenances, and to retain that piece of land in its pristine estate, these indentures notwithstanding.

In witness whereof the said William has set his seal to one part of these indented charters, remaining in the hands of the aforesaid Ralph, the Mayor, and his successors, whilst to the other part, remaining in the hands of the aforesaid *William Hawkswell, the said Ralph, the Mayor, has caused to be affixed the seal of the office of Mayoralty of the aforesaid port.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the penultimate day of the month of July in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

The seal remains.

* On the back of this Charter is written : " Rector of the Church of S. James."

LXXII.

x Decembris, 30 Hen. VI.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit visuris vel audituris ego Dionisia Yve de Bokeland, juxta Dovorram—Salutem in domino sempiternam. Noveritis me prefatam Dionisiam remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse domino Thome Moys, Magistro domus dei Dovorre, ejusdem loci confratribus, et eorum successoribus totum jus meum et clameum quod habui habeo vel in futurum habere potero de et in una acra et tribus rodīs terre cum suis pertinenciis pariterque jacentibus in Bockeland predicta apud le mellelonde, quas quidem acram et tres rodas terre cum suis pertinenciis una cum aliis terris et tenementis ego, predicta Dionisia, nuper habui ex dono et ffeofamento ad terminum vite mee de Johanne Gybbes, et Johanne Coke : ita videlicet quod nec ego prefata Dionisia, neque heredes mei, nec aliquis alius nomine nostro, aliquid jus juris [clameum vel] titulum in predictis acra et tribus rodīs terre cum suis pertinenciis, nec in aliqua parcella eorundem, de cetero exigere vel vendicare clamare poterimus, set ab omni accione [inde juris per presentes simus] exclusi imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti sigillum meum apposui.

Datum apud Bockeland predictam decimo die Decembris anno regni Regis [Henrici, sexti post] conquestum Anglie, tricesimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Gybbes ; Johanne Coke ; Bartholomeo Goier ; Willelmo Ketynton ; Petro Ketynton ; et aliis.

LXXII.

10 December 1451.

To all Christ's faithful servants, to whom the present deed shall come to be seen or heard, I, Dionisia Ive, of Buckland, near Dover, eternal greeting in the Lord. Know that I, the aforesaid Dionisia, have remitted, released, and for ever altogether quit-claimed for myself and my heirs, to Sir Thomas Moys, Master of the House of God, Dover, the Brethren of the same place, and their successors, all my right and claim that I had, have, or in future shall be able to have, in one acre and three roods of land with their appurtenances, all lying in Buckland aforesaid, at the Mill Land, which acre and three roods of land with their appurtenances, together with other lands and tenements, I, the aforesaid Dionisia, lately had by the gift and feoffment, for the term of my life, from John Gibbes and John Coke : in such a way that, to wit, neither I, the aforesaid Dionisia, nor my heirs, nor any one else in our name, shall henceforth be able to demand, challenge, or claim any right [claim or] title of right in the aforesaid acre and three roods of land with their appurtenances, or in any parcel of them, but that we are shut out for ever from all action of right on that behalf by the presents.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to the present.

Given at Buckland aforesaid on the tenth day of December in the thirtieth year of the reign of King [Henry the sixth] of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : John Gibbes ; John Coke ; Bartholomew Goier ; William Ketinton ; Peter Ketinton ; and others.

LXXIII.

xvj Novembris, 33 Hen. VI.

NOVERINT universi per presentes nos Robertum, Nicholaum, et Jacobum, filios et heredes Willelmi Dade, nuper de Shaterlynge in Parochia de Staple, remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum et quietum clamasse Thome Dade, fratri nostro, in sua plena possessione totum jus nostrum statum et clameum que unquam habuimus habemus seu quovismodo infuturum habere poterimus, de et in uno mesuagio sex acris terre arabilis et tribus acris broci cum suis pertinenciis divisim scituatis ac jacentibus in parochiis de Staple predicta, et Wyngham, prout mete et bunde inde undique dividunt et demonstrant, unde predictum mesuagium scituatum apud Shaterlynge, et una acra jacet extra portam dicti mesuagii in duabus parcellis, et tres rode terre predictae jacent apud Lanteghe in duabus parcellis, et una acra jacet in duabus parcellis juxta mesuagium nuper Edwardi Newenam, et una roda jacet apud Lytylstrete, et dimidia acra jacet apud Estfelde, et dimidia acra apud Orkene, et dimidia acra apud Hobbyssole, et dimidia acra jacet apud Kyngessestrete, et dimidia acra jacet apud Brykenolle, et dimidia acra terre jacet juxta Welmystonecrosse, et tres acre broci jacent apud Byholte in parochia de Staple predicta: ita quod nec nos Robertus, Nicholaus, et Jacobus, predicti, nec heredes nostri nec aliquis alius nomine nostro, aliquid juris status et clamei in predictis mesuagio sex acris terre arabilis et tribus acris broci cum suis pertinenciis, nec in aliqua inde parcella, de cetero exigere clamare seu vindicare poterimus infuturum, set ab omni accione juris status et clamei inde petend' simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data sexto decimo die Novembris anno regni Regis Henrici, sexti post conquestum Anglie, tricesimo tercio.

Hiis testibus: Thoma Bertyne; Willelmo Bertyne; Ricardo Dade; Willelmo Dade; Jacobo Bertyne; et aliis.

LXXIII.

16 November 1454.

KNOW all men by the presents that we, Robert, Nicholas, and James, sons and heirs of William Dade, lately of Shaterling, in the Parish of Staple, have remitted, released, and for ever altogether quit-claimed for us and our heirs, to Thomas Dade, our brother, for his full possession, the whole of our right, estate, and claim which we ever had, or shall in future in any way be able to have, of and in one messuage, six acres of arable land and three acres of brushwood, with their appurtenances, severally situated and lying in the Parishes of Staple aforesaid, and Wingham, as the metes and bounds for that purpose on every side divide and show, of which the aforesaid messuage is situated at Shaterling, and one acre lies outside the gate of the said messuage in two parcels, and three roods of the land aforesaid lie at Lanteghe in two parcels, and one acre lies in two parcels near the messuage lately Edward Newenam's, and one rood lies at Littlestreet, and a half acre lies at Eastfield, and a half acre at Orken, and a half acre at Hobbysole, and a half acre lies at Kingstreet, and a half acre lies at Brikenolle, and a half acre lies near Welmistone Cross, and the three acres of brushwood lie at Byholt in the Parish of Staple aforesaid : so that neither we, Robert, Nicholas, and James aforesaid, nor our heirs, nor any one else in our name, shall in future be able henceforward to exact, claim, or challenge any right, estate, or claim to the aforesaid messuage six acres of arable land and three acres of brushwood, with their appurtenances, or in any parcel of them, but that by the presents we be for ever shut out from seeking all action of right, estate, and claim on that behalf.

In witness whereof we have set our seals to the presents.

Given on the sixteenth day of November in the thirty-third year of the reign of King Henry, the sixth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Thomas Bertin ; William Bertin ; Richard Dade ; William Dade ; James Bertin ; and others.

LXXIV.

iiiij Septembris, 2 Edw. IV.

Hec indentura testatur quod Thomas Gore, Major ville Dovorre, Thomas Pety, Ricardus Palmere, Ricardus Beregh, et Willelmus Gustone, Custodes ejusdem ville, assensu et concensu Communitatis ejusdem ville dimiserunt liberaverunt et, hac presenti carta indentata, confirmaverunt Waltero ffullere, de eadem, unum vacuum ffundum sive terram jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Dere-manwarde inter terram Thome Toky versus east, et mesuagium Stephani Axsted versus north, et Regiam stratam exopposito murum ville versus south, et communem venellam ibidem versus west: habend' et tenend' predictum ffundum sive terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Waltero heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis cum acciderit, et nihilominus capitalibus dominis servicia inde debita: Reddend' inde annuatim Majori Dovorre et custodibus ejusdem pro tempore existentibus et eorum successoribus imperpetuum, octo denarios sterlingorum in Vigile Nativitatis beate Marie Virginis solvend': et si contingat dictum annualem redditum octo denariorum ad aliquem terminum quo solvi debeat aretro fore, extunc bene licebit Majori ville Dovorre et Custodibus ejusdem pro tempore existentibus in predictum ffundum sive terram intrare distringere, et districciones ea occasione captas abducere et effugare quousque de eo quod aretro fuerit plenarie sit satisfactum et persolutum.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus carte indentate, penes prefatos Majorem et custodes remanenti, predictus Walterus sigillum suum apposuit, alteri vero parti penes prefatum Walterum remanenti, sigillum officii Majoratus Dovorre est appensum.

LXXIV.

4 September 1462.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Gore, Mayor of the town of Dover, Thomas Pety, Richard Palmer, Richard Beregh, and William Guston, Chamberlains of the said town, with the assent and consent of the Commonalty of the said town, have demised, delivered, and, by this present indented charter, have confirmed to Walter Fuller of the same town, one void plot of ground or land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Dereman Ward, between the land of Thomas Toky to the east, and the messuage of Stephen Axsted to the north, and the King's highway opposite to the town wall to the south, and a common lane to the west : to have and to hold the aforesaid ground or land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Walter, his heirs and assigns for ever : they doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, and the services moreover thence due to the capital lords : and paying therefor annually to the Mayor of Dover and the Chamberlains of the same for the time being, and their successors for ever., 8*d.* sterling, to be paid on the Vigil of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary : and if it happen that the said annual rent of 8*d.* shall be in arrear at any term on which it ought to be paid, then it shall be fully lawful for the Mayor of the town of Dover, and its Chamberlains for the time being, to enter and distrain on the aforesaid ground or land, and to lead away and drive off the distrains on that account taken until that which is in arrear shall be fully paid and satisfied.

In testimony whereof the aforesaid Walter has affixed his seal to the one part of this indented charter, remaining in the hands of the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains, to the other part, remaining in the hands of the aforesaid Walter, the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover has been affixed.

Data apud Dovorram predictam quarto die Septembris
anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti secundo.

Thoma Gore, tunc Majore ; Nicholao Burtone, Ballivo ;
Thoma Grace ; et multis aliis.

In dorso : [Walterus] ffuller. Deremanwarde est idem
Werstonwarde.

Given at Dover on the aforesaid fourth day of September in the second year of the reign of King Edward the fourth.

Thomas Gore, then Mayor; Nicholas Burton, Bailiff; Thomas Grace; and many others.

On the back : Dereman Ward is the same as Werston Ward.

LXXV.

ii Maii, 3 Edw. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Willelmus Mellare, de parochia de Merdene, dimisi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Johanni Beggynge, de Southflete, medietatem septem peciarum terre cum suis pertinenciis adinvicem jacentium in parochia de Merdene predicta, inter terram nuper Thome Bodyham versus east, et Regiam stratam versus south, et terram Johannis Joope versus west, et terram prioris et Conventus de Ledys versus north: habend' et tenend' predictam medietatem dictarum septem peciarum terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Beggynge hereditibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita, et de jure consueta.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data apud Merdene predictam secundo die Maii, anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti tercio.

His testibus: Roberto Mayhewe; Johanne Moude; Thoma Mayhewe; Johanne Levessoth; Stephano Harry; et multis aliis.

In dorso: Herbesfeld in Merdene.

LXXV.

2 May 1463.

Know all present and future that I, William Meller, of the Parish of Merden, have demised, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to John Begging, of Southfleet, half of seven pieces of land, with their appurtenances severally lying in the Parish of Merden aforesaid, between the land lately Thomas Bodiam's to the east, and the King's highway to the south, and the land of John Joop to the west, and the land of the Prior and Convent of Leeds to the north : to have and to hold the aforesaid half of the aforesaid seven pieces of land, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Begging, his heirs and assigns for ever, from the capital lords of that fee for the service thence due and by right accustomed.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Merden aforesaid on the second day of May in the third year of the reign of King Edward the fourth.

Witnesses : Robert Mayhew ; John Moud ; Thomas Mayhew ; John Levessoth ; Stephen Harry ; and many others.

On the back : " Herbesfield in Merden."

LXXVI.

xxx Maii, 6 Edw. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod Thomas Gore, Major ville Dovorre, et ejusdem ville Jurati, de concensu et pro Comuni utilitate tocius Communitatis concesserunt et, hac presenti carta indentata, ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Johanni Hancock, de Dovorra, unam terram vacuam jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre, in horspolewarde inter tenementum hospitalis Sancti Bartholomei versus east, et Regiam stratam versus northwest, et ad vacuam terram nuper Henrici Sextayn, de Dovorra, versus southeast, et ad venellam ducentem a tenemento Henrici Sextain usque ad mare versus southwest: habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Hancock, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servicium domini regis quando evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti; et reddend' inde annuatim predicte Communitati ville Dovorre ad ffestum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste sex denarios sterlingorum annualis redditus: et vult et concedit predictus Johannes Hancock pro se et heredibus suis quod bene liceat Majori et Juratis ville predicte quicumque pro tempore fuerint et eorum attornatis pro predicto annuali redditu quosciens aretro fuerit in predicta terra cum suis pertinenciis distringere, et districciones abducere et retinere quousque de predicto redditu, et de omnibus arreragiis ejusdem, sibi fuerit plenarie satisfactum: et predictus Major et Jurati et successores sui nomine dicte Communitatis predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Hancock, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte indentate sigillum officii Majoratus ville Dovorre presentibus est appensum.

Data apud Dovorram penultimo die mensis Maii anno regni Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, sexto.

In dorso: Horspolwarde, Johannes Hancock; modo Willhelmus ffoche, modo Robertus Kocyer, modo Petrus Darell, modo in manibus Johannis de Wode.

LXXVI.

30 May 1466.

KNOW all present and future that Thomas Gore, Mayor of the town of Dover, and the Jurats of the same, with the consent, and for the service of the whole Commonalty, have granted and, by this present indented charter, have demised at fee farm to John Hancock, of Dover, one plot of vacant land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Horsepool Ward, between the tenement of the Hospital of S. Bartholomew to the east, and the King's highway to the north-west, and next the vacant land lately Henry Sextain's, of Dover, to the south-east, and next the lane leading from the tenement of Henry Sextain to the sea to the south-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Hancock, his heirs and assigns, for ever : they doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid : and paying therefor annually to the aforesaid Commonalty of the town of Dover, at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, 6*d.* sterling of annual rent : and the aforesaid John Hancock wills and grants, for himself and his heirs, that it be lawful for the Mayor and Jurats of the town aforesaid for the time being, and their attorneys, to distrain on the aforesaid land with its appurtenances for the aforesaid annual rent as often as it shall be in arrear, and to lead away and retain distresses until they shall be fully satisfied for the aforesaid rent and for all arrears of the same : and the aforesaid Mayor and Jurats and their successors, in the name of the said Commonalty, will warrant the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Hancock, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of the town of Dover is set to the present indented charter.

Given at Dover the penultimate day of the month of May in the sixth year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

On the back : Horspol Ward, John Hancock ; now William Foche, now Robert Kocier, now Peter Darell, now in the hands of John at Wood.

LXXVII.

xxvj Januarii, 6 Edw. IV.

EDWARDUS, dei gracia Rex Anglie et ffrancie, et Dominus Hibernie ; omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—
Salutem.

Inspeximus quandam petitionem nobis in parlamento nostro apud Westmonasterium vicesimo nono die Aprilis anno regni nostri tercio summonito, et per diversas prorogaciones et adjornaciones usque vicesimum primum diem Januarii anno regni nostri quarto continuato, eodem vicesimo primo die Januarii per Majorem et Communitatem ville nostre Dovorre, unius villarum Quinque Portuum nostrorum, exhibitam, et in filatiis Cancellarie nostre residentem, in hec verba :

To the Kyng our liege Lord, mekely shewen unto youre Highnesse youre humble and feithfulle liegemene, the Maier and Comminalte of youre Toune of Dovorre, oon of the Tounes of youre V Portes, in the Counte of Kent, that, whereas after that the Toune of Caleis was wonne and conquered by youre noble progenitour, Kyng Edward the thirde, by auctorite of a parlement holden the ixth yere of his reigne it was graunted and ordeyned, in relief and comfort of the said Toune of Dovorre, that no marchaunt, pilgryme, nor none other persone or persones, hors or beest, should have or take eny passage towards the Toune of Caleys fro no porte or place within the Counte of Kent, but onely fro the porte of the said Toune of Dovorre, and also that no marchaunt, pylgryme, nor none other persone or persones, hors or beest, shuld come fro Caleis to none porte in Kent, but onely to the said porte of the said Toune of Dovorre, except souldours, and marchaunts comyng and goyng with their shippes freight with marchaundises, withoute that it were by youre commaundement, or elles that they were drevyn or compelled to take some other place or porte by tempest ; and also it was ordeyned and establisshed

LXXVII.

26 January 1467.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland; to all to whom the present letters shall come—Greeting.

We have inspected a certain petition presented to us, in our Parliament at Westminster, summoned on the ninth day of April in the third year of our reign, and continued by various prorogations and adjournments until the twenty-first day of January in the fourth year of our reign, by the Mayor and Commonalty of our town of Dover, one of the towns of Cinque Ports, on the said twenty-first day of January, and remaining on the files of our Chancery, in these words :

by auctorite of an other parlement, holden in the xiiith yere of the reigne of Kynge Richard the Secunde, that all passage shuld be kepte at the said Toun of Dovorre in the maner and fourme afore rehersed, and in none other place within the same shire of Kent, with passage fro thens, as hereto hath ben used and accustomed by reason of the premisses unto late daies passid, and this notwithstanding divers pilgrymes, marchaunts, and other persons, which beene noo souldours, with hors and other beestis, of late tyme have commonly used to take their passage towards youre said Toun of Caleys at divers places, and in the same shire of Kent, and to come fro Caleis into Kent at divers portis and places in the same, other than in the said Porte of Dovorre, contrarie to the grauntes and ordinaunces aforeseid, to the great hurte, enpoverisshing, and desolation of the same toun, and likely by contyniaunce to be cause and jupardy or losse of the same toun, the castell there, and of the cuntre adjoynyng. Hit please youre highenesse these premyssez considered, and houghe youre said toun is sett in the utterest place of this youre Reame next unto youre ennemyes, and hath noo meane of comfort nor relese, but onely by meane of the said passage; to ordeyne, establissh, and enacte in this youre highe Courte of Parlement by the advis and assent of youre lordes spirituall and temporell in the same assembled, and by auctorite thereof, that noo pilgryme, marchaunt, nor none other persone or persones, hors or beest, excepte souldours and marchaunts with their marchaundises, in the maner and forme afore rehersed, from hensforth take their passage at noo place or port withyn the said shire of Kent, but onely at the said port at the said Toun of Dovorre, if they may have sufficient shippingg and passage there, and also that noo pylgryme, marchaunt, nor none other persone or persones, hors or beest, come fro Caleis into noo porte or othir place within the said shire of Kent, but onely to the said porte of the said Toun of Dovorre, except souldours and marchaunts with their merchaundises, withoute that they have and shewe youre

commaundement by writyng so to doo, or ellis that they be compellid and drivene to somme other place or porte by sodeyn tempest, and that every persone of what estate, degree, or condicion he be of that willyngly do the contrarie of this acte or ordinaunce, forfeit for every tyme that he soo dothe v. marcs : ye Souverayn Lord to have the one moite therof, to be employed uppon the reparacion of your Castell of Dovorre, by the oversight of the Constable or his lief-tenant ther, and what persone or persones of the said Toune of Dovorre that woll commence or sue an accione thereof ayenst the said offendour to have the other moite, and that every persone or persones of the said toune or castell, ffreemen of the said Toune of Dovorre, in his owne name may have hereafter ayenst every persone that willyngly dothe contrarie of this acte or ordinaunce a general accioun of dette of the said somme of v. marcs, and to declare specialy uppon the same acte or ordinaunce, and that processe of outlawry and all other processe and determynacion be had in the said accioun as is had and used in other generalle accions of dette, and also the maister of every shippe or vesselle that willyngly the contrarie to this acte or ordinaunce comiyeth to any place or places, any pylgryme, marchaunt, or other persone or persones, hors or beest, forfait in like wise at every tyme he soo dothe v. marcs, in the maner and fourme aforesaid, to be sued, had, recovered, levyed, and employed, and at the reverence of God and in salvacion and comfort of the same toune.

INSPEXIMUS eciam quendam assensum eidem petitioni per Communitatem regni nostri Anglie in eodem parlamento existentem factum et in eadem petitione specificatum in hec verba :

A cest bille les communes sount assentuz.

INSPEXIMUS insuper quandam responsionem eidem petitioni per nos, de avisamento et assensu dominorum spiritualium et temporalium in dicto parlamento similiter existencium, ac Communitatis predictae necnon auctoritate ejusdem parlamenti factam, et in dorso ejusdem petitionis insertam in hec verba :

Soit fait come il est desire.

Nos AUTEM tenores petitionis assensus et responsionis predictorum ad requisicionem Majoris et Communitatis ville predictae duximus exemplificandⁱ per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westm. vicesimo sexto die Januarii anno regni nostri sexto.

(ffaukes. ex^d p. Johannem ffaukes, } Clericos.)
Thomam Ive, }

WE have also inspected a certain assent to the said petition by the Commonalty of our Kingdom of England present at the same Parliament, made and specified in the same petition in these words :

To this bill the Commons have assented.

WE have furthermore inspected a certain response to the same petition by us, with the advice and assent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal likewise present in the said Parliament, and also with the authority of the aforesaid Commonalty of the said Parliament, made and inserted on the back of the said petition, in these words :

Be it done as is desired.

WE therefore have caused the tenor of the petition the assent and of the reply aforesaid to be exemplified by these presents at the request of the Mayor and Commonalty aforesaid.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster on the twenty-sixth day of January in the sixth year of our reign.

A portion of the seal remains.

LXXVIII.

7 March, 7 Edw. IV., 1467.

THIS endenture witnessith that William Lawe, of the Towne of Dovorre, in the Counte of Kent, gentelman, and Alice, his wiff, have taken and to fferme laten to Thomas Pultere, Squiere, a Berne a gardein w^t a douffhous thereinne w^t the app^ten^ances, lying and being winne the liberte of the said towne of Dovorre, in Horspoleward, to the Kinges highe-
wey ayenst the east, and to the Garlik mede ayenst the west, to the gardein of John Edward ayenst the southe, and to the garden of Thomas ffooke toward the northe: to have and to holde the said Berne, gardein, and douffhous w^t the app^tennce^z, to the seid Thomas Pultere, his executo's, or to his certein attorney, fro the ffeast of Midsomere next after the date of the p^sentz fer the terme of iiij^{xx}* yeres thanne nexte folowing and fully complete, during whiche terme the seid Thomas Pultere shalle kepe alle reparacions to the same necessarie, and also to paie to the seid William, to heze eires and heze assigns, at every ffeast of Midsomere during the said terme vs. sterlinge^z, and if it happe the seid Thomas Pultere, his executo's, or his assignes to faile of any day of paiement above lymtyed by oone monthe, that thanne it shalle be lawfulle to the seid William and Alice, to there eires and to there assignez in the seid Berne, gardein, and culverhous, to distreine, and the distressez to lede and carie away un to the tyme ther be satisfiene: and if it happe the seid Thomas Pultere, his executo's or his assignez, to faile in any day of paiement above lymtyd by oone quaterre of oone yere, or elles if the said Thomas, his executo's or his assignez, duringe alle the seid terme kepe not the seid Berne and colverehous sufficiently w^t alle reparacions thereto necessarie and behovefull, that thanne it schalle be lefulle to the seid William and Alice, to there eirez and there assignez in to the seid Berne, colverehous, and gardein to re-entre, and the seid Thomas, his executo's or his

assignez, utterly to putte oute : and the seid Thomas and Alice, and theire eirez, graunte to warentize un to the seid Thomas duringe the seid terme, under the condicione above-seid, the seid Berne, culverhouse, and gardein, and to his executours or to his assignez.

In witnesse whereoff aswelle the seid William and Alice as the seid Thomas to this endentures severally have putt there seales at Dovorre the vijth day of Marche the vijth yere of o^r Soveraigne Lord King Edward, the ffourthe sithe the Conqueste.

Witnessinge : Richard Palmere, Mair ; Nicholus Bortone, Bayly ; Thomas Hexstalle ; Thomas Gore ; Thomas Grace ; William Scheriffe ; Robert Rotier ; w^t many othere.

LXXIX.

ix Julii, 11 Edw. IV.

EDWARDUS dei gracia Rex Anglie et ffrancie et Dominus Hibernie, omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—
Salutem. Sciatis quod cum libertates et franchises ville nostre Dovorre, et membrorum ejusdem, in manibus nostris pro rationabilibus et legittimis causis seiscite existant. Nos pro inde, pro sana et condecenci gubernacione et felici regimine ville et membrorum predictorum et populi nostri eorundem, ac pro securitate ceterorum ad eadem indies confluencium, necnon aliis notabilibus de causis nos et consilium nostrum specialiter moventibus, prout ad nos attinet debite providere, volentes, ac assensu et avisamento ejusdem consilii nostri, constituimus dilectum et fidelem nostrum Thomam Hexstalle, de cujus fidelitate et discrecione plenam fiduciam reportamus, custodem ville nostre et membrorum predictorum quamdiu nos placuit, [Dantes] et concedentes ei, tenore presencium, plenam et sufficientem auctoritatem et potestatem eadem villam et membra, et populum nostrum eorundem, ac alios ad eadem confluentes, regend' et gubernand' ac omnia alia et singula que ad bonum regimen et sanam gubernacionem eorundem ville et membrorum pertinent, juxta leges et consuetudines in eisdem villa et membris juste et rationabiliter hactenus usitatas faciend' excercend' et exequend', necnon habend' clavas et ministros prout majores ville predicte hactenus, virtute aliquarum libertatum per nos et progenitores nostros inde concessorum, habuerunt, quousque pro gubernacione eorundem ville et membrorum aliter duximus ordinand': Damus etiam ministris ville et membrorum predictorum, necnon universis et singulis fidelibus et subditis nostris eorundem ville et membrorum, tenore presencium firmiter in mandatis quod eidem Thome, tanquam custodi dictorum ville et membrorum, in omnibus que ad

LXXIX.

9 July 1471.

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, to all to whom these present letters shall come—Greeting. Know that as the liberties and franchises of our town of Dover and its Limbs stand seised into our hands for reasonable and legitimate causes : We therefore, wishing so far as pertains to us to properly provide for the sound and suitable government and the happy ruling of the Town and Limbs aforesaid and of our people there, and for the safety of others daily going to the same, also for other notable causes especially moving us and our council, with the assent and advice of our said council we have constituted our beloved and faithful Thomas Hexstall, in whose fidelity and discretion we repose full confidence, as Warden of our Town and Limbs aforesaid during our pleasure, giving and granting to him, by the tenor of the presents, full and sufficient authority and power for ruling and governing the said Town and Limbs and our people of the same and others going to them, and for doing, exercising, and executing all other and singular things which pertain to the good ruling and sound government of the said Town and Limbs, according to the laws and customs hitherto justly and reasonably used in the said Town and Limbs, also for having the keys and officers, as the mayors of the town aforesaid, by virtue of certain liberties conceded by us and our progenitors on that behalf, hitherto had, until we otherwise order for the governance of the said Town and Limbs : We give it also firmly in command to the officers of the Town and Limbs aforesaid, and also to all and singular our lieges and subjects of the said Town and Limbs, by the tenor of the presents that they be aiding, consultant, and obedient in all things, as is seemly, to the said * Thomas

* In November 1471 Nicholas Statham, 2nd Baron of the Exchequer (Rot. Pat. 7 Ed. IV., 30 Oct.); Thomas Bourchier, knight; T. Dynham; John ffogge; Thomas Echyngham, knight; and William Notyngham; were appointed

regimen et gubernacionem predictam pertinent intendentes sint consulentes et obedientes in omnibus prout decet.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium ix. die Julii anno Regni nostri undecimo.

(Per ipsum regem et de data predicta, auctoritate parliamenti. Iwe)

as Warden of the said Town and Limbs in all things which pertain to the rule and governance aforesaid.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster on the ninth day of July in the eleventh year of our reign.

(By the King himself and, on the date aforesaid, by the authority of Parliament. Iwe.).

A portion of the seal remains.

as a Commission to enter the Cinque Ports as Justices to try rebels. Thomas Hexstall, Receiver of the Lord Warden, the Duke of Buckingham, was amongst those tried, but he obtained a general pardon (Rot. Pat. Nov. 3, 11 Ed. IV.). The rebellion was of course that of the Earl of Warwick, which placed Henry VI. on the throne again in 1470.

LXXX.

v Marcii, 12 Edw. IV.

Hec indentura facta quinto die mensis Marcii anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti duodecimo, testatur, quod nos Johannes Barbour, clericus, magister domus dei Dovorre, et ejusdem loci confratres, unanimi assensu concessimus dimisimus et ad firmam tradimus Roberto Salter, mellar, de parochia de Ryvere, duo molendina aquatica, que modo appellantur Cornemelle, unde unum de [eis] que vocatur [Rakestravys]melle, et aliud vocatur Asshemelle, divisim existentia edificata in parochia de Ryvere predicta, pro ut metis et bundis plenius apparet: habend' et tenend' predicta duo molendina cum stagno et aquis cum wariis vi[variis et pratis, et] predicta duo molendina limitata et de antiquo usuata [usucapta], prefato Roberto Salter heredibus et assignatis suis a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli proximo futuro post datum presencium usque ad finem termini quadraginta annorum extunc proximorum futurorum et plenarie completorum, libertatibus carte nostre regie una cum piscacione in aquis pertinentibus predictis duobus molendinis semper cum nobis [plenarie] reservatis: reddend' inde annuatim nobis prefatis magistro [et confratribus et successoribus] nostris pro illo molendino quod vocatur Rakestravysmelle xs. monete Anglicane, ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus in hospitali nostro solvend' durante termino supradicto, proviso semper quod predictus Robertus Salter non intromittet, nec heredes neque assignati sui intromittent, de illo molendino quod vocatur Asschemelle donec indentura Johannis le By, quondam de Ewelle, de illo molendino finiatur, et [ad] datum dicte indenture excludatur, observante supradicta convencione in omnibus, nos predicti magister et confratres volumus quod supradictus Robertus Salter heredes et assignati sui habeant et teneant predictum molendinum quod vocatur Asschemelle cum suis pertinenciis, ut supradictum est, durante termino predicto: reddend' inde annuatim

LXXX.

5 March 1472.

THIS indenture, made on the fifth day of the month of March in the twelfth year of the reign of King Edward the fourth, witnesseth, that we, John Barbour, clerk, Master of the House of God of Dover, and the Brethren of the same place, have with unanimous assent granted, demised, and at ferm let to Robert Salter, miller, of the Parish of River, two water-mills, which are now called The Corn Mill, one of which is called [Rakestravis] Mill, and the other Ash Mill, severally built in the Parish of River aforesaid, as by the metes and bounds appears : to have and to hold the aforesaid two mills, with pond and waters with weirs [fish-ponds and meadows], the aforesaid two mills being limited and by long usage established, to the aforesaid Robert Salter, his heirs and assigns, from the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel next ensuing after the date of the presents to the end of a term of the forty years next following and fully complete, the liberties of our royal charter, together with the fishing in the waters pertaining to the two mills aforesaid, always being reserved to us : on paying therefor annually to us, the aforesaid Master [and the Brethren and our successors] for that mill which is called Rakestravis Mill, 10 *sh.* of English money at the four principal terms of the year in equal proportions, to be paid at our Hospital during the term above said, provided always that the aforesaid Robert Salter does not assume possession, nor his heirs or his assigns assume possession, of that mill which is called Ash Mill until the indenture of John le By, formerly of Ewell, for that mill be finished, and he be excluded to the date of the said indenture : all things in the above said indenture being observed, we the Master and Brethren aforesaid will that the above said Robert Salter, his heirs and assigns, may have and hold the aforesaid mill which is called Ash Mill, with its appurtenances, as is above said, for the term aforesaid, on paying therefor annually to us, the afore-

nobis prefatis magistro et confratribus ac successoribus nostris ad terminos supradictos videlicet xs. monete Anglicane, ut predictum est : insuper predictus Robertus Salter obligat se heredes et assignatos suos sub forisfactura istius indenture observare et bene et fideliter custodire omnes reparaciones dictorum duorum molendinorum tam in domibus quam in maremio in aquis et in omnibus aliis predictis duobus molendinis pertinentibus sumptibus suis propriis, durante termino supradicto : et si predicta annualis firma, tam de uno molendino, quam de alio [pre]dictorum molendinorum, sit aretro in parte vel in toto post aliquem terminum solucionis prenominate per quindecim dies tunc licitum erit nobis predictis magistro et confratribus ac successoribus nostris in dictis duobus molendinis distringere, et districciones irreplegiabiles abducere asportare et retinere quousque de arreragiis dicte firme sit plenarie nobis satisfactum : preterea si predicta duo molendina sint irreparata et inde dampna vasta et detrimenta infra terminum unius anni post premuniciones per nos dictum magistrum et confratres, aut per nostros assignatos, prefato Roberto Salter heredibus et assignatis suis dictorum molendinorum [ad] ea refacienda re-emendanda et reparanda factas, et idem Robertus Salter et assignati sui non plenarie et sufficienter ea emendaverint et reedificaverint, extunc bene licebit nobis predictis Magistro et Confratribus et nostris successoribus in supradictis duobus molendinis cum stagnis et aquis et cum omnibus aliis superius specificatis reintrare et illa rehabere, ac in pristino statu suo ea possidere, dictum[que Robertum Salter et assignatos] suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere imperpetuum : et nos predicti magister et confratres ac nostri successores dicta duo molendina aquatica, que vocantur Rakestravysmelle et Asschemelle, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis modo et forma superius nominato prefato Roberto Salter heredibus et assignatis suis warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus contra omnes gentes durante termino supradicto.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti presencium indenturarum penes dictum Robertum remanenti nos predicti

said Master and Brethern and our successors, at the term above said, to wit, 10 *sh.* of English money as is aforesaid : furthermore, the aforesaid Robert Salter binds himself, his heirs and assigns, under forfeiture of this indenture, to look after and well and faithfully preserve all reparations of the said two mills, as well in the houses, as in the wood, in the waters, and in all other things pertaining to the two mills, at his own charges during the term abovesaid : and if the aforesaid annual rent, as well for one mill, as for the other of the mills aforesaid, be in arrear in part or in whole after any term of payment aforesaid for fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for us, the aforesaid Master and Brethern and our successors, to distrain on the said two mills, and to lead away, carry off, and retain the irrepleviable distresses until we be fully satisfied for the arrear of the said term : moreover, if the said two mills be unrepaired and there be damages, wastes, and detriments on that account, within the term of one year, after warnings made by us, the said Master and Brethern, or by our assigns, to the aforesaid Robert Salter, his heirs and assigns, for the two mills, for re-building, amending, and repairing them, and the said Robert Salter and his assigns do not sufficiently amend and rebuild them, then it shall be fully lawful for us, the aforesaid Master and Brethern and our successors, to re-enter the above said two mills, with ponds and waters, and with all things above specified, and to re-obtain and re-possess them in their pristine estate, and to entirely expel and remove for ever the said [Robert Salter and his assigns] therefrom : and we, the aforesaid Master and Brethern and our successors, will warrant, acquit, and defend the said two water mills, which are called Rakestravis Mill and Ash Mill, with all their appurtenances, in mode and form above mentioned, to the aforesaid Robert Salter, his heirs and assigns, against all men for the term abovesaid.

In witness whereof we, the aforesaid Master and Brethren, have set our common seal to the one part of the present

magister et confratres sigillum nostrum commune apposuimus, alteri vero parti inde penes nos dictos magistrum et confratres residenti predictus Robertus Salter sigillum suum apposuit.

Data in domo nostra capitulari die et anno supradictis.

indentures remaining with the said Robert, to the other part remaining with us, the said Master and Brethren, the aforesaid Robert Salter has set his seal.

Given in our Chapter House on the day and year above said.

LXXXI.

viiij Augusti, 12 Edw. IV.

HEC indentura testatur quod Thomas Hexstalle, Major, Johannes Penyot, Galfridus Elham, Nicholaus Ffyne, et Johannes Crosse, Custodes Portus Dovorre, nomine et assensu totius Communitatis portus predicti concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Jacobo Yonge unam placeam terre vacue jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Oxyswarde inter terram Willelmi Broke versus west, terram Johannis Marable versus north, terram Johannis Pepyr versus est, et murum ville sowth; habend' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Jacobo heredibus et assignatis suis a Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti duodecimo usque ad finem et terminum viginti annorum extunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie completorum: ffaciend' inde servicium domini regis cum evenerit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti et reddend' inde dicte Communitati et successoribus suis annuatim in Festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis iiij^{or} denarios annualis redditus: et si contingat dictum redditum iiij^{or} denariorum aretro fore in parte vel in toto ultra predictum festum solutionis tunc bene licebit Majori et Custodibus ejusdem Portus qui pro tempore fuerint nomine dicte Communitatis et eorum successorum in predictam placeam terre distringere, et districciones sic captas abducere et retinere quousque de predicto redditu et de omnibus inde arreragiis illiis (? illis) plenarie fuerit satisfactum et persolutum: si vero dictus redditus aretro fuerit in parte vel in toto ultra terminum solutionis predictum per unum quarterum anni et districcio sufficiens ad valorem dicti redditus iiij^{or} denariorum in predicta placea terre inveniri non poterit, tunc licitum sit Majori et Custodibus qui pro tempore fuerint nomine dicte Communitatis et eorum successorum in predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis, in quorumcumque manus imposterum devenerit, reintrare rescicire et possidere in statu pristino imperpetuum: necnon predicti Major et Custodes dimiserunt et nomine totius

LXXXI.

8 August 1472.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Hexstall, Mayor, John Peniot, Geoffrey Elham, Nicholas Fine, and John Cross, Chamberlains of the Port of Dover, in the name and with the assent of the whole Commonalty of the Port aforesaid, have granted and at fee ferm demised to James Young, one plot of void land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Oxes Ward, between the land of William Broke to the west, the land of John Marable to the north, the land of John Pepir to the east, and the Town Wall south : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid James, his heirs and assigns, from the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel, in the twelfth year of the reign of King Edward IV. to the end and for the term of the twenty years then next following and fully complete : he doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the Port aforesaid ; and paying therefor to the said Commonalty annually, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4*d.* of annual rent : and if happen that the said rent of 4*d.* be in arrear, in part or in whole, beyond the aforesaid feast, then it shall be fully lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said Port for the time being, in the name of the said Commonalty and their successors, to distrain on the aforesaid plot of land, and to lead away and detain the distresses thus taken until the aforesaid rent and all arrears thereof shall have been fully paid to them : but if the said rent shall be in arrear, in part or in whole, beyond the said term for one quarter of a year, and sufficient distress for the value of the said rent of 4*d.* should not be able to be found on the aforesaid plot of land, then be it lawful for the said Mayor and Chamberlains for the time being, in the name of the said Commonalty and their successors, to re-enter, reseise, and possess for ever, in its pristine estate, the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it may come in the future : also the aforesaid Mayor and Wardens have demised, and in the name of the whole

Communitatis concesserunt dicto Jacobo unum turrim existentem super murum ville juxta portam vocatam Wardysgate : habend' et tenend' predictum turrim predicto Jacobo ad terminum vite sue : et predictus Jacobus predictum turrim sumptibus suis propriis reparabit durante vita sua id quod in potestate sua poterit.

In quorum omnium testimonium hiis indenturis tam sigillum officii Majoratus portus predicti quam sigillum predicti Jacobi sunt appensa octavo die Augusti anno supradicto.

In dorso : modo John Barber.

Commonalty have granted to the said James a tower standing upon the Town Wall near the gate called Wards Gate, to have and to hold the aforesaid tower to the said James for the term of his life, and the aforesaid James will repair the aforesaid tower at his proper costs during his life, so far as in his power lies.

In witness of all these, as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover as the seal of the aforesaid James, are affixed to these indentures on the eighth day of August in the year aforesaid.

On the back: "now John Barber."

A perfect seal remains.

LXXXII.

i Septembris, 13 Edw. IV.

HEC indentura testatur quod Thomas Toke, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, Henricus Elphyn, Thomas Martyn, Willelmus Jacob, et Willelmus Dyere junior, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et consensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Johanni ffullare unam vacuum peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Snargatewarde, inter terram Johannis ffrewyne versus northest, Regiam stratam versus sowthest, terram Thome Goore versus southwest, et terram dicte ville versus north-west : habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servicium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti : et reddend' inde annuatim Majori dicte ville qui pro tempore fuerit et custodibus ejusdem in Festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste sex denarios annualis redditus ; et si contingat dictum annualem redditum sex denariorum aretro fore ultra terminum predictum per unum mensem tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus qui tunc fuerint in predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus devenerit, reintrare et pacifice possidere sibi et successoribus suis majoribus et custodibus ejusdem ville imperpetuum : et predictus Thomas Toke, Major, et Custodes et Communitas predicta, predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni ffullare heredibus et assignatis suis in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune quam sigillum predicti Johannis ffullare hiis indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data primo die mensis Septembris anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti tercio decimo.

Indorso : "John ffullare, modo Harry Balgy, modo Robt. filuce."

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LXXXII.

1 September 1473.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Toke, Mayor of the town and Port of Dover, Henry Elphin, Thomas Martin, William Jacob, and William Dyer, junior, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to John Fullar one vacant plot of land with its appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Snargate Ward, between the land of John Frewin to the north-east, the King's highway to the south-east, the land of Thomas Goore to the south-west, and the land of the said town to the north-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns for ever : he doing therefor the service of the Lord King according to the custom of the Port aforesaid : and paying therefor annually to the Mayor of the said town for the time being, and the Chamberlains of the same, on the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, 6*d.* of annual rent : and if it happen that the said annual rent of 6*d.* be in arrear beyond the term aforesaid for one month, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains for the time being to re-enter and peacefully possess for themselves and their successors, the Mayors and Chamberlains of the said town for ever, the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it shall have come, and the aforesaid Thomas Toke, and the Chamberlains and Commonalty aforesaid, will warrant the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Fullar, his heirs and assigns, in the form aforesaid, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof as well the common seal as the seal of the aforesaid John Fullar are alternately affixed to these indentures.

Given on the first day of the month of September in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Edward IV.

On the back : "John Fullar, now Harry Balgy, now Robt. Fluce."

LXXXIII.

vj Septembris, 14 Edw. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Johannes Turvyle, de Dovorra, dedi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Alicie, uxori mee, unum tenementum ac unum gardinum eidem tenemento annexum cum suis pertinenciis jacentem et existentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Bowremanwarde et Georgyswarde, inter Regiam stratam versus southest, murum ville southwest, terram magistri et confratrum domus dei Dovorre versus northwest, et communem venellam versus northest : habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum ac gardinum cum suis pertinenciis prefate Alicie ad terminum vite sue : ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum evenerit : et ego vero predictus Johannes et heredes mei predictum tenementum ac gardinum cum suis pertinenciis prefate Alicie et assignatis suis durante vita ipsius Alicie contra omnes gentes warantizabimus.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data apud Dovorram predictam sexto die Septembris anno regno Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, quarto decimo.

Hiis testibus : Thoma Hextalle, tunc Majore ; Nicholao, Ballivo ; Ricardo Palmere ; Nicholao Lewys ; Johanne Tylare ; Ricardo Barow ; Johanne Curdare ; et multis aliis.

LXXXIII.

6 September 1474.

KNOW all present and future that I, John Turvil, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, have confirmed to Alice, my wife, a tenement, and a garden annexed to the said tenement, lying and being within the Port of Dover in Boureman Ward and Georges Ward, between the King's highway to the south-east, the town wall south-west, the land of the Master and Brethren of the House of God, Dover, to the north-west, and the common lane north-east : to have and to hold the aforesaid tenement and garden, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Alice for the term of her life : she doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the Port aforesaid : and I, the aforesaid John, and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid tenement and garden, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Alice and her assigns during the life of the aforesaid Alice against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the sixth day of September in the fourteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Thomas Hexstall, then Mayor ; Nicholas, the Bailiff ; Richard Palmer ; Nicholas Lewis ; John Tyler ; Richard Barow ; John Curdar ; and many others.

LXXXIV.

xxiiij August, 17 Edw. IV.

Hec indentura testatur quod Robertus Vyncent, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, Johannes ffullare, Robertus Sinethiot, et Nicholaus ffyne, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et concensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Johanni Tempylmane unam placeam terre jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Mankynwarde, inter terram Hugonis Shereve versus north, terram ecclesie Sancti Nicholai versus east, terram Simonis Lovell versus sowth, et communem venellam versus west : habend' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Tempylmane, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servicium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum evenerit : et reddend' inde Majori et Custodibus dicte ville qui pro tempore fuerint annuatim in festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste * iiij^{or} denarios annualis redditus : et si contingat dictum annualem redditum duorum [? quatuor] denariorum aretro fore ultra festum predictum per xv^{cim} dies non solum extunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus ville predictae qui pro tempore fuerint in predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis ad quorumcumque manus imposterum evenerit reintrare et pacifice possidere sibi et eorum successoribus Majoribus et Custodibus ejusdem ville imperpetuum : proviso semper quod predicti Major, Custodes, et Communitas, ac successores sui in predicta placea terre habebunt commune parcum suum ad imparcandos porcos sine aliqua contradiccione aut impedimento dicti Johannis Tempylman, heredum vel assignatorum suorum, imperpetuum : et predicti Robertus Vyncent, Major, Custodes, et Communitas, et successores sui predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Tempylman, heredibus et assignatis suis, modo et forma predicto contra omnes gentes warantizabunt imperpetuum.

* Duos was written and crased, iiij^{or} being inserted above.

LXXXIV.

24 August 1477.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Robert Vincent, Mayor of the town and Port of Dover, John Fullar, Robert Sinethiot and Nicholas Fine, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee farm demised to John Tempilman a plot of land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Mankin Ward, between the land of Hugh Shereve to the north, the land of the Church of S. Nicholas to the east, the land of Simon Lovell to the south, and the common lane to the west : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Tempilman, his heirs and assigns, for ever : he doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid : and paying annually therefor to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, on the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, 4*d.* of annual rent : and if it happen that the said annual rent of 4*d.* be in arrear unpaid beyond the feast aforesaid for fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being to re-enter and peacefully possess for ever for themselves and their successors, the Mayors and Chamberlains of the said town, the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it shall in future come : provided always that the aforesaid Mayor, Chamberlains, and Commonalty, and their successors shall have in the aforesaid plot of land their common park for imparking pigs without any let or hindrance of the said John Tempilman, his heirs and assigns, for ever : and the aforesaid Robert Vincent, Mayor, the Chamberlains, and Commonalty, and their successors, will warrant the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Tempilman, his heirs and assigns, in mode and form aforesaid, against all men for ever.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum officii Majoratus Dovorre predicte quam sigillum predicti Johannis Tempylman hiis indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno regni Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, septimodecimo.

In witness whereof as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid John Tempilman are alternately set to these indentures.

Given at Dover on the twenty-fourth day of the month of August in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

LXXXV.

xxx Augusti, 17 Edw. IV.

HEC indentura testatur quod Johannes Tempylman, Johannes ffullare, Robertus Sinethiot, et Nicholaus ffyne, Custodes ville Dovorre, unanimi assensu et concensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Roberto Vyncent, de Dovorra predicta, unam terram vacuam jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Wolvyswarde, inter terram Willelmi Alan versus northest, communem venellam versus southest, Regiam stratam versus southwest, et terram Thome Gerves versus northwest: habend' et tenend' predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Roberto Vyncent, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum evenerit: et reddend' inde annuatim ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, Majori et Custodibus Dovorre predictae qui pro tempore fuerint quatuor denarios annualis redditus: et si contingat dictum annualem redditum quatuor denariorum aretro fore ultra festum predictum per xv^{cin} dies non solutum, extunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus portus predicti qui pro tempore fuerint in predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis nomine Communitatis ejusdem ville reintrare et illam rehabere ac pacifice possidere illis et eorum successoribus imperpetuum: et predicti Custodes et Communitas et successores sui predictam terram cum suis pertinenciis prefato Roberto Vyncent, heredibus et assignatis suis in forma predicta, contra omnes gentes warrantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum officii Majoratus Dovorre predictae quam sigillum dicti Roberti Vyncent hiis indenturis alternatim sunt appensa, prefato Roberto Vyncent tunc Majore.

Data tricesimo die mensis Augusti anno regni Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, septimo decimo.

LXXXV.

30 August 1477.

THIS indenture witnesseth that John Tempilman, John Fuller, Robert Sinethiot, and Nicholas Fine, Chamberlains of the town of Dover, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to Robert Vincent, of Dover aforesaid, one vacant plot of land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Wolves Ward, between the land of William Alan to the north-east, the common lane to the south-east, the King's highway to the south-west, and the land of Thomas Gerves to the north-west: to have and to hold the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert Vincent, his heirs and assigns, for ever: he doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid: and paying therefor annually, on the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, to the Mayor and Chamberlains of Dover aforesaid, for the time being, 4*d.* of annual rent: and if it shall happen that the said annual rent of 4*d.* be in arrear unpaid beyond the aforesaid feast for fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, for the time being, in the name of the Commonalty of the said town to re-enter and peacefully possess for ever for them and their successors the aforesaid land with its appurtenances: and the aforesaid Chamberlains and Commonalty and their successors will warrant the aforesaid land with its appurtenances to the aforesaid Robert Vincent, his heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof as well as the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid Robert Vincent, then Mayor, are alternately set to these indentures.

Given on the thirtieth day of the month of August in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

LXXXVI.

viiij Augusti, 18 Edw. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Stephanus Axsted, et Cristina, uxor mea, de Dovorra, dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Thome Gerves, Bochir, et Johanne, uxori ejus, unum tenementum cum gardino cum suis pertinenciis situatum infra libertatem Portus Dovorre predictæ in Werstonward, capitand' super tenementum Thome Toky versus east, et super Regiam venellam versus west, laterand' super vacuam placeam Ricardi Grygge, defuncti, versus north, et gardinum nuper Simonis Page versus south : habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum cum gardino cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servicium domini nostri Regis cum acciderit et nihilominus capitalibus dominis feodi per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta : et nos vero predicti Stephanus et Cristina, uxor mea, ac heredes nostri predictum tenementum cum gardino cum suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome et Johanne, uxori ejus, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data apud Dovorram predictam octavo die Augusti anno regni Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, decimo octavo.

His testibus : Thoma Exstalle, tunc Majore ville predictæ ; Ricardo Palmere ; Thoma ffoche ; Thoma Toky ; Roberto Lucas ; Thoma Rymour ; et aliis.

LXXXVI.

8 August 1478.

Know all present and future that we, Stephen Axsted, and Christina, my wife, of Dover, have given, granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed, to Thomas Gerves, butcher, and Johanna, his wife, a tenement with a garden, with their appurtenances, situated within the Liberty of the Port of Dover aforesaid in Werston Ward, abutting on the tenement of Thomas Toky to the east, and on King's Lane to the west, alongside the vacant plot of Richard Grigge, deceased, to the north, and the garden formerly Simon Page's to the south : to have and to hold the aforesaid tenement with the garden, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas, and Johanna, his wife, their heirs and assigns for ever : they doing therefor the service of our Lord King when it shall arise, and also the services thence due and by right accustomed to the capital lords of the fee : and we, the aforesaid Stephen and Christina, my wife, and our heirs, will warrant the aforesaid tenement with the garden, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas, and Johanna, his wife, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof we have set our seals to this our present charter.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the eighth day of August in the eighteenth year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : Thomas Exstall, then Mayor of the town aforesaid ; Richard Palmer ; Thomas Foche ; Thomas Toky ; Robert Lucas ; Thomas Rimour ; and others.

LXXXVII.

xiiij Januarii, 21 Edw. IV.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Robertus Cavelle, de Cantuaria, dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Thome Medle unum mesuagium cum porcione terre eidem mesuagio annexa cum suis pertinenciis, scituatum apud fforde in parochia de ffolkestone, et in tenura Curie de Waltone inter Regiam stratam ibidem versus southe, inter terram Simonis Molener versus west, inter terram Edwardi Pergate versus north, et inter terram nuper Jolsis Bydeawe versus east : habend' et tenend' predictum mesuagium cum porcione terre eidem mesuagio annexa cum suis pertinenciis prefato Thome Medle heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde eis debita et de jure consueta : et ego predictus Robertus Cavelle et heredes mei predictum mesuagium cum porcione terre eidem mesuagio annexa cum suis pertinenciis prefato Thome Medle heredibus et assignatis suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data apud ffolkestone predictam tercio decimo die Januarii anno regni Regis Edwardi, quarti post conquestum Anglie, vicesimo primo.

Hiis testibus : Jacobo Herte ; Johanne Baker ; Johanne Nycolle ; Johanne Goldwort ; Simone Molener ; et aliis.

LXXXVII.

13 January 1482.

Know all present and future that I, Robert Cavelle, of Canterbury, have given, granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed to Thomas Medle a messuage with a bit of land annexed to the said messuage, with their appurtenances, situated at Ford, in the Parish of Folkestone, and in the tenure of the Court of Walton, between the King's highway there to the south, between the land of Simon Molener to the west, between the land of Edward Pergate to the north, and between the land formerly Jolse Bideawe's to the east : to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage with the bit of land annexed to the messuage, with their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Medle, his heirs and assigns, for ever, from the capital lords of that fee for the services thence due and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid Robert Cavelle, and my heirs, will warrant by the presents, the aforesaid messuage with the portion of land annexed to the said messuage, with their appurtenances, against all men for ever.

Given at Folkestone aforesaid on the thirteenth day of January in the twenty-first year of the reign of King Edward, the fourth of England after the conquest.

Witnesses : James Hert ; John Baker ; John Nicoll ; John Goldwort ; Simon Molener ; and others.

LXXXVIII.

xviij Januarii, 8 Hen. VII.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Thomas Petyte, de ffaversham, in Comitatu Kancie, gentilman, dedi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea indentata, confirmavi Thome Bowchier, militi, Willelmo Scotte, militi, Vincentio ffynche, gentilman, Edmundo Waltone, gentilman, et Thome Benet, gentilmen, omnia illa terras et tenementa redditus firmas et servicia mea cum suis pertinenciis jacentia et existentia in parochiis de ffaveresham, et Prestone, in Comitatu Kancie : habend' et tenend' omnia predicta terras et tenementa redditus firmas et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Thome Bowchier, Willelmo, Vincentio, et Thome Benet, heredibus et assignatis suis, ad usum Benedicte Brokhylle que, deo favente, futura est esse uxor prefato Thome Petyte, ad totum terminum [vite] ipsius Benedicte, et post ejus decessum ad usum predicti Thome Petyte et heredum suorum corporibus eorundem Thome Petyt et Benedicte legitime procreatorum : et si contingat prefatos Thomam Petyte et Benedictam sine hujusmodi heredibus obiere tunc predicti Thomas Bowchier, Willelmus, Vincentius, Edmundus, et Thomas Benet, sunt ffeofati ad usum rectorum heredum prefati Thome Petyte imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte indentate sigillum meum apposui.

Data decimo octavo die mensis Januarii anno regni Regis Henricii septimi post conquestum, octavo.

Hiis testibus : Ricardo Bedelle, tunc Majore de ffeveresham predicta ; Thoma Rede ; Ricardo Lytylle ; Johanne Bowrstone, Jurator ; Johanne Jakys ; Thoma Malpas ; et multis aliis.

LXXXVIII.

18 January 1493.

Know all present and future that I, Thomas Petit, of Faversham, in the County of Kent, gentleman, have given, granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed to Thomas Bouchier, knight, William Scott, knight, Vincent Finch, gentleman, Edmund Walton, gentleman, and Thomas Benet, gentleman, all those lands, tenements, rents, farms, and my services, with their appurtenances, lying and being in the Parishes of Faversham and Preston, in the County of Kent: to have and to hold all the aforesaid lands and tenements, rents, farms, and services, with all their appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Bouchier, William, Vincent, and Thomas Benet, their heirs and assigns, for the use of Benedicta Brokhill, who, God willing, is to be the future wife of Thomas Petit aforesaid, for the whole term of the life of the said Benedicta, and after her decease to the use of the said Thomas Petit, and the heirs lawfully begotten of the bodies of the said Thomas Petit and Benedicta: and if it happen that the said Thomas Petit and Benedicta die without heirs of this sort, then the aforesaid Thomas Bouchier, William, Vincent, Edmund, and Thomas Benet, are feoffed for ever for the use of the right heirs of the aforesaid Thomas Petit.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to this present indented charter.

Given on the eighteenth day of the month of January in the eighth year of the reign of King Henry, the seventh after the conquest.

Witnesses: Richard Bedell, then Mayor of Faversham aforesaid; Thomas Rede; Richard Littile; John Bourstone, Jurator; John Jakis; Thomas Malpas; and many others.

LXXXIX.

12 June, 9 Hen. VII., 1494.

THIS indenture made the xijth day of June the ixth yere of the reigne of Kynge Henry the vijth betwene Mathewe Broun, knyght, on thon part, and William Nethersole on thother parte, witnesethe, that where the seid Mathewe, by his indenture made the seid day and yere, hath dimised and leten to ferme to the seid William dyvers landis and tenements with thappurtenaunces in Wymyngeweld, in the Counte of Kent, to be had and holden to the seid William, his executours and assignees, from the Fest of Seynt Michell Tharchangell next comyng unto thende of the terme of xvj. yere then next ensuyng : yeldyng therof yerly to the seid Mathew and his heirs ls. at Feste of the Annunciacion of our Lady and Seynt Michell Tharchangell by evyn porcions, as in the same indenture more pleynty is conteigned. The seid Mathewe by these presents graunteth and covenanteth with the seid William that the same William, his executours and assignees, shall retayne and kepe in their handis the seid rent of the first iiij. yeres of the seid terme of xvj. yeres, that is to say, of and for every of the seid iiij. yeres ls. for and in full satisfaccion and contentacion of x. *li.* by the seid Mathewe before hand receyved of the seid William : and the seid Mathewe, his heirs and assignees, the seid William Nethersole, his executours and assignees therof, shall quytte and discharge, and due allowance therof to hym or theym make : and thereto the same Mathewe byndeth hym and his heirs to the seid William Nethersole in x. *li.*

In witness whereof either of the seid parties to this indenture interchaungeably hath sette his seale the day and yere abovesaid.

XC.

25 May, 10 Hen. VII., 1495.

THIS indenture made the xxv day of May the tenth yere of the reigne of our Soveraigne Lorde Kynge Henry the vijth, betwene the Maier, Barons, and Commonalte of the Town of Dovorr, oon of the v^e hed poortes, on y^e oon party, and William ffantyng, depute ate Margate, John Petyt, gentilman, William Lyncolle, Martyn Davy, Richard Tonklyn, Simon Norwode, Symon Graunt, Simon Corles, Robert Lucas, Thomas a Chirch, Thomas Gurney, and Thomas Lyncolle, fremen inhabitoris at Margate, on y^e othir partie, witnessith thate y^e saide William, John, Martyn, Richard, Symon, Symon, Symon, Robert, Thomas, Thomas, and Thomas, for theym and the Commonalte of Margate, have concauntid, promisid, and graunted unto y^e Maier, Barons, and Commonalte of Dovorr forsaide, that the Depute of Margate for y^e tyme beyng, bi thadvise of the Commonalte of the same, in the presence of the Customers, Comprollers, and Serchours of the Kynges there, or their deputies in their absence, if thei will be present y^eto after thei be warned, shalle take sufficient suerte of or for the owner, maister, or purcer of every shippe Englissh in Margate aforsaid, to the double valu of the said shippe takylle and vitaille of y^e same, that y^e mariners of the saide shippe shall in the See and in y^e stremys of the same kepe the peax ayenst all the Kynges subgettes, and alle othir of his amytie or allie, and ayenst alle othir havynge y^e Kynges saiffconduct, and welle and lawfully shall behave theym ayenst theym and alle othir, accordyng to the ordinaunce of y^e Soveraign Lorde y^e Kynge and his lawis, and elles thei shalle not suffre y^e said shippe to departe out of y^e said Towne of Margate and Crike of y^e same, onlesse then ye said owner, maister, or purcer of y^e said shyppe whiche wold so departe shew licence of y^e Kynges highenesse under his privie sealle that he may departe without fyndyng of suche

suerte, or ells y' y^e said owner, maister, or purcer shew under auctentik, sufficient, or evident testimonialle y' y^eis founde sufficient and like suerte in othir places for y^e saide shyppe and y^e mariners of y^e same : Also it is concauntid, grauntid, and agreede bi the saide William, John, William, Martyn, Richard, Symon, Symon, Symon, Robert, Thomas, Thomas, and Thomas, y' if any robberes or spoyleres in the see, or in y^e stremys of y^e same, come in to Margate forsaide, or havyn or crike of the same, in alle possible haste after the saide depute have very knowlege y' thei have made such robbery or spoile thei shalle put theym in devour to arreste the same robbers or spoilers, and y^e shippe or shippis so takyn to kepe unto tyme y' the saide Depute yeve knowlege y^eof to o' Sovereigne Lord the Kynge, or his counsaile, and y^eupon understande y^e pleasere of his heighnesse, ffor the whiche arreste so made o' Sovereigne Lorde y^e Kynge shall recompense suche coste as y^e saide depute and Comminalte of Margate or any of theym shalle bere for y^e doynge y^eof, and also the said depute and Comminalte of Margate shalle yeve no consorte, aide, nor assistance to any suche robber or spoilere, nor purvey, or suffre to be purveid to theyme, vitaille, takylle, or harneys, knowynge them robbers or spoylers asmoche as in theym shalbe, and if it fortune any owner, maister, or purcer, or any othir bounde for theym, to forfaite any bonde wherin as is aforsaide any of theym be bounde, then ye saide depute and Comminalte of Margate shalle satisfie and contente to the Kynge o' Sovereigne Lorde within xl. daie nexte after the said forfaiture be sufficiently proved, and notise thereof yeven to the saide depute and Comminalte as moche as the saide bonde so forfeited amountethe unto : also it is agreede, grauntide, and promyside bi the saide depute and Comminalte of Margate thate whene thei take any suerte of or for the owner, maister, or purcere of any shippe, as is aforsaide, that thei so takynge suerte shalle delyvere writynge under theyre comen seelle to the saide owner, maister, or purcere testefying y' thei have takynge suerte of theym, accordynge to suche indentures as

ben made betwene the said Maiere, Barons, and Comminalte of Dovorre and the said depute and Comminalte of Margate to shewe for theyre delyveraunce oute of every other havyn where after it shalle happyn theym to com withoute fyndynge of any othir suerte, and if it happyne any any [!] of the saide suerties so takyn for the owner, maister, or purcere to consume or lassen bi dethe, povertis, or othir wise, see y^t thoos y^t remayne be not sufficient to answeere for the double valu of the said shippe takylle and vitaille, as is aforsaide, as ofte as it shalle so fortune the saide depute and Comminalte of Margate, if thei wolle, shalle take better suerte of the saide owner, maister, or purcere as is foresaide, or elles the saide depute and Comminalte of Margate shalle not suffre the said shippe to departe, Provided alwey that ye saide depute and Comminalte of Margate be not be fors of this indenture constraynede to take suertie of the owner, maister, or purcere of any shippe merchaunt which shalle happyn to com to any havyn othir than to his propre havyn betwixte this and the Nativite of o^r Lorde God nexte comynge for thate y^t in the meane tyme thei may fynde othir suerte in theyre propre havyn accordynge as is aforsaide, Provided also y^t the saide depute and Comminalte nor othir officere of Margate aforsaide take for the wrytinge, makinge, or seellyng of any of the premisses above y^e summe of vii*ii*d. : alle the which concauntes, grauntes, and promises aforsaide the saide depute and Comminalte of Margate and their successors shalle kepe holde and perform from hensforth *sub pena forisfacture* [under penalty of forfeiture].

In witnesse whereoff to the oon party of this indenture, remaynyng towarde the Maiere, Barons, and Comminalte of Dovorre forsaide, we, the saide William, John, William, Martyne, Richard, Symon, Symon, Symon, Robert, Thomas, Thomas, and Thomas, have sete our sealles the day and yere abovesaide.

Eleven dark green seals remain in good order.

XCI.

iij Julii, 14 Hen. VII.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Ricardus Barowe, de Dovorra, dedi concessi et, hac presenti carta mea, confirmavi Jacobo Justice de eadem, et Isabelle, uxori sue, unum gardinum cum pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Bouremanwarde, inter communem venellam et terram heredum Nicholai ffyne versus west, terram heredum dicti Nicholai, Regiam stratam et terram heredum Willelmi Mytrone versus north, terram heredum dicti Willelmi et terram heredum Johannis Penyote versus east, et terram Ricardi Cant versus sowthe : habend' et tenend' predictum [gardinum] cum pertinenciis prefatis Jacobo et Isabelle, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servicium domino Regi secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum acciderit, ac aliis dominis feodi illius per servicia inde eis debita et de jure consueta : et ego, predictus Ricardus Barow, heredes mei, predictum gardinum cum pertinenciis prefatis Jacobo et Isabelle, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui.

Data apud Dovorram predictam tercio die Julii anno regni Regis Henrici septimi Anglie, quarto decimo.

Hiis testibus : Johanne Byngham, tunc Majore ; Henrico Balgy ; Ricardo Cant ; Henrico at Wode, communi clerico ; Roberto Martyn, serviente Majoris ; et aliis.

XCI.

3 July 1499.

KNOW all present and future that I, Richard Barow, of Dover, have given, granted, and, by this my present charter, confirmed to James Justice, of the same, and Isabella, his wife, a garden with appurtenances lying within the Liberty of Dover in Boureman Ward, between the common lane and land of the heirs of Nicholas Fine to the west, the land of the heirs of the said Nicholas, the King's highway, and the land of the heirs of William Mitron to the north, the land of the heirs of the said William and the land of the heirs of John Peniot to the east, and the land of Richard Cant to the south : to have and to hold the aforesaid garden with appurtenances to the aforesaid James and Isabella, their heirs and assigns, for ever : they doing the service to the Lord King when it shall arise, according to the custom of the port aforesaid, and also to the lords of that fee for the services thence due and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid Richard Barow, and my heirs will warrant the aforesaid garden with appurtenances to the aforesaid James and Isabella, their heirs and assigns, against all men for ever.

In witness whereof I have set my seal to this my present charter.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the third day of July in the fourteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the seventh of England.

Witnesses : John Bingham, then Mayor ; Henry Balgy ; Richard Cant ; Henry at Wode, common clerk ; Robert Martin, sergeant of the Mayor ; and others.

XCII.

xiiij Octobris, 17 Hen. VII.

NOVERINT universi per presentes nos Henricum West, de parochia de Westlangdon, in Comitatu Kancie, Agnetam, uxorem suam, Johannem West, et Ricardum West, filios et heredes suos, remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et heredibus nostris imperpetuum quietum clamasse Thome Barrowe, de Dovorra, heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus nostrum statum titulum interesse clameum et demandum que habuimus habemus aut aliquo modo in futuro habere poterimus de et in omnibus et singulis illis terris et tenementis cum pertinenciis jacentibus et existentibus apud Asshecle, in parochia de Northeborn, que ego predictus Henricus nuper perquisivi de Ricardo Palmere, quondam de Dovorra, et antea fuerunt Bartholomeo Barowe : ita quod nec nos predicti Henricus, Agnes, Johannes, et Ricardus West, necque heredes nostri, nec aliquis alius nominibus nostris, aliquod jus status titulum interesse clameum sive demandum de vel in predictis terris et tenementis cum pertinenciis, nec de vel in aliqua inde parcella, de cetero exigere aut vendicare poterimus nec reclamare debemus in futuro, set at omni accione juris status tituli interesse clamei seu demandi inde habend' sive petend' penitus simus exclusi imperpetuum per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data quartodecimo die mensis Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici septimi Anglie, decimo septimo.

XCII.

14 October 1501.

Know all men by the presents that we, Henry West, of the Parish of West Langdon, in the County of Kent, Agnes, his wife, John West and Richard West, his sons and heirs, have remitted, released, and entirely for us and our heirs for ever, quit-claimed to Thomas Barrow, of Dover, his heirs and assigns, all our right, estate, title, interest, claim and demand which we had, have, or in any way in the future shall be able to have, of and in all and singular those lands and tenements with appurtenances lying and being at Ashecle, in the Parish of Northbourne, which I, the aforesaid Henry, recently acquired from Richard Palmer, formerly of Dover, and formerly belonged to Bartholomew Barow : so that neither we, the aforesaid Henry, Agnes, John, and Richard West, nor our heirs, nor any one else in our names, shall in future be able, or ought henceforward to exact, challenge, or reclaim any right, estate, title, interest, claim, or demand, of or in the aforesaid land and tenements with appurtenances, but that we be for ever entirely shut out by the presents from all action of right, estate, title, interest, claim or demand, which could be had or sought on that behalf.

In witness whereof we have set our seals to this our present charter.

Given on the fourteenth day of the month of October in the seventeenth year of the reign of King Henry the seventh of England.

XCIII.

xij Februarii, 3 Hen. VIII.

HENRICUS dei gratia Rex Anglie et Francie, Dominus Hibernie, omnibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris perdonavimus remisimus et relaxavimus, ac per presentes perdonamus remittimus et relaxamus, Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati ville nostre Dovorre, seu quocumque alio nomine iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas censeantur, omnes et omnimodas prodiciones, tam majores quam minores, ac omnimodas alias prodiciones quascumque, murdra, homicidia, feloniam, roborias, burgularias, abjuraciones, raptus, capciones mulierum quascumque, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis anno regni nostri primo habitas factas sive perpetratas: ac etiam omnimoda escapia et evasiones, voluntaria et non voluntaria, quorumcumque proditorum murdratorum et homicidarum, felonum, burgulatorum, et quorumcumque suspectorum prodicionis, murdri, homicidii, roborie, et felonie, necnon escapia clericorum attinctorum ac convictorum et aliorum prisonariorum quorumcumque a custodia ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis simul cum alio vel aliis, aut eorum deputatorum, necnon accessarios murdri, homicidii, quarumcumque feloniarum, roboriarum, et aliarum feloniarum quarumcumque per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante eundem diem facta habita sive perpetrata, licet iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas de premissis, vel aliquo premissorum, iudicati appellati rectati adjudicati utlagati condemnati convicti vel attincti existant sive non existant: necnon omnes et singulas utlagarias in ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem accione premissorum, sive eorum alicujus, ante eundem diem, promulgatas: ac etiam omnimoda et singula judicia penas mortis et execuciones ratione seu occasione premissorum, sive eorum

XCIII.

12 February 1512.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, to all his Bailiffs and Lieges to whom the present letters shall come — Greeting. Know that we, of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and of our mere motion, have pardoned, remitted, and released, and by the presents do pardon, remit, and release, to the Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty of our town of Dover, or by whatsoever other name the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty may be enrolled, all and all manner of treasons, greater as well as smaller, and all manner of other treasons whatsoever, all murders, homicides, felonies, robberies, burglaries, abjurations, rapes, and abductions of women had, done, or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the twenty-third day of April in the first year of our reign : also all manner of escapes and evasions, voluntary or involuntary, of whatsoever traitors, murderers, and homicides, of felons, burglars, and of all suspected of treason, murder, homicide, robbery, and felony ; also the escapes of attainted and convicted clerks and of all other prisoners whatsoever from the custody of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, together with another or others, or of their deputies ; also accessories of murder, homicide, of whatsoever felonies, robberies, and of other felonies whatsoever, made, had, or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said day, whether the said Mayor and Commonalty be, or not be, indicted, accused, brought to judgment, sentenced, outlawed, condemned, convicted, or attainted for the premises or any one of the premises ; also all and singular outlawries promulgated against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by reason of the premises or any one of them, before the said day : also all manner and singular judgments, penalties of death, and executions, to be had or executed, by reason or occasion of

alicujus, habend' vel exequend' ; et firmam pacem nostram eis inde concedimus per presentes : Ita tamen quod stet recto in curia nostra si quis versus eum inde loqui voluerit. PERDONAMUS eciam remittimus et relaxamus prefatis Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnes et omnimodas insurrecciones, rebelliones, mesprisiones, confederaciones, concelamenta, et indebitas verborum prolationes contra regiam Majestatem nostram, et quorumcumque progenitorum nostrorum nuper regum Anglie, et conciliarios nostros, aut eorum aliquem, aut conciliarium, vel aliquem conciliarium alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, per predictos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante dictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, qualitercumque et quocienscumque factas habitas sive perpetratas : Necnon omnes et omnimodas, transgressiones, riotas, routas, conventicula illicita, confederaciones, conspiraciones, mesprisiones, ingressus manu forti factos, contemptus, necligencias, ignorancias, impeticiones, falsitates, decepções, jacturas, gesturas, extorciones, oppresiones, perjuria, et omnes denariorum summas sive aliarum rerum quarumcumque, et recepciones eorundem pro verodicto dicendo, et imbraciarias, cambipertias, manutenencias, omissiones, offensa, et alia malefacta quecumque, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem qualitercumque factas habitas sive perpetratas. ET SIMILITER perdonamus remittimus et relaxamus iisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnimodas transgressiones contemptus falsitates et decepções pro abrasione rasura interlinacione, sive imbesillacione, aut subtraccione aliquorum rotulorum recordorum recognitionum sive memorandorum nostrorum, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum quorumcumque, in aliqua curia nostra, aut in aliqua curia alicujus progenitoris nostri, sive ab aliqua hujusmodi curia, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, aliquo modo factas sive perpetratas. ACECIAM perdonamus remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnimodas impetraciones injustas

the premises or any one of them ; and we grant to them on that behalf our firm peace by the presents ; in such a manner, however, that he may abide sentence in our court if any may wish to plead against him on that behalf.

We also pardon, remit, and release to the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of insurrections, rebellions, misprisions, confederations, concealments, and undue utterance of words against our royal Majesty, and all our progenitors formerly Kings of England, and against our councillors or any of them, or the councillor or any councillor of our progenitors, howsoever and whensoever made, had, or perpetrated by the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the said twenty-third day of April ; also all and all manner of trespasses, riots, unlawful assemblies, unlawful conventicles, confederacies, conspiracies, misprisions, forcible entries, contempts, negligences, ignorances, impeachments, forgeries, frauds, damages, and burdens, extortions, oppressions, perjuries, and all sums of money or of other things whatsoever, and their receipts for giving a verdict, and embraceries, champerties, maintenances, omissions, offenses, and other misdeeds whatsoever, howsoever made, had, or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said day.

And likewise we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of trespasses, contempts, forgeries, and frauds, for the rubbing, erasing, interlining, or embezzling, or withdrawing, of any rolls, records, recognizances, or other our memoranda, or of any of our progenitors whatsoever, in any way done or perpetrated, in any our court, or in any court of any our progenitor, or from any court of the sort, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April.

And also we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of unjust

clamaciones, sive clamea vel non clamea, prosecuciones usurpaciones usus abusus abusiones et non usus quarumcumque libertatum franchesiarum privilegiorum et iurisdictionum, retorum brevium preceptorum et mandatorum nostrorum, aut alicujus progenitoris nostri, et execuciones eorundem, ac *vicus ffranciplegiarum et quarumcumque libertatum seu iurisdictionum justiciariorum pacis, vel justiciariorum ad gaolas deliberand', et coronatorum habend', ac quarumcumque aliarum libertatum franchesiarum iurisdictionum et privilegiorum quorumcumque absque Warranto regio, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, factas et habitas : Necnon omnimodas forisfacturas fines penas et omnimodas denariorum summas ratione occasione vel premissorum colore, sive eorum alicujus, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem perceptas sive receptas, aut nobis, seu alicui progenitori nostro, ratione premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, pertinend' debitas sive spectantes, et easdem forisfacturas fines penas et denariorum summas eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes habend' sibi de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis vel heredibus nostris reddend' solvend' vel faciend'. PERDONAMUS eciam remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnia et omnimoda falsa insufficiencia sive deceptiva retorna quorumcumque brevium preceptorum et mandatorum nostrorum, sive alicujus progenitoris nostri ; ac omnimodas transgressiones et offensas pro non retornis eorundem, et imbesillaciones eorundem ; ac omnimodas soluciones recepciones et percepciones denariorum summarum, et omnimodas tradiciones et deliberaciones quarumcumque rerum, pro retornis vel non retornis aliquorum brevium preceptorum sive mandatorum, seu pro favore quarumcumque personarum aliquo modo demonstrata, vel aliquibus personis, aut alicui persone, favorem et eisiammentum in custodia sua existenti faciend' vel ostendend' : ac omnimodas offensas, transgressiones, et

impetrations, statements of claim, whether claims or no claims, prosecutions, usurpations, uses, abuses, misuses, and non uses of any liberties, franchises, privileges, and jurisdictions, the return of our writs, precepts, and mandates, or of any our progenitors, and the executions of the same, and view of frank pledge and of any liberties or jurisdictions held by justices of the peace, or of justices for gaol deliveries, and coroners, and all other liberties, franchises, jurisdictions, and privileges whatsoever, without the royal warrant made and had by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said twenty-third day of April; also all manner of forfeitures, fines, penalties, and all manner of sums of money taken or received by reason, occasion, or colour of the premises or any of them, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, or Commonalty, before the said day, belonging, due, and appertaining to us or to any our progenitor, by reason of the premises or any of them; and the said forfeitures, fines, penalties, and sums of money we do give and grant to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by the presents to have for themselves of our gift without returning, paying, or making an account or anything else to us or our heirs on that behalf.

We, furthermore, pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and all manner of false, insufficient, or fraudulent returns of any our writs, precepts, and mandates, or of any our progenitor, and all manner of trespasses and offenses for the non-return of the same, and embezzlements of the same, and all manner of payments, receipts and taking of sums of money, and all manner of deliveries and deliverances of any things whatsoever for the return or non-return of any writs, precepts or mandates, or for favour shown to any persons whatsoever in any way, or to any person, for doing and showing favour and easement to any person in their custody; and all manner of offenses, trespasses, and forfeitures, for impanneling any

forisfacturas, pro impanelland' aliquos seu aliquem servientum seu officiariorum suorum in panellis et juratis in curia nostra, vel in curia alicujus progenitoris nostri, coram nobis, aut aliquo progenitore nostro, aut in aliqua alia curia nostra, vel alicujus progenitoris nostri quacumque : Ac omnia et omnimoda et singula alia offensa, transgressiones, contemptus et forisfacturas quascumque, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, contra formam quorumcumque et singulorum statutorum, versus vicecomites, subvicecomites, clericos vicecomitatum, escaetores, senescallos, subsenescallos, majores, constabularios, prepositos et ballivos, et eorum, ac cujuslibet eorum, deputatum sive deputatos, seu eorum aliquem, aut aliquos vicecomites, subvicecomites, clericos vicecomitum, escaetores, senescallos, subsenescallos, majores, constabularios, prepositos et ballivos, et eorum, seu alicujus eorum, deputatum sive deputatos, vel eorum aliquem aliquo modo tangente seu concernente, ante dictum diem, factorum sive editorum per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem qualitercumque facta sive perpetrata : Et omnes forisfacturas, condempnationes, et denariorum summas nobis, ratione seu occasione premisorum, seu eorum alicujus, pertinentes debitas sive spectantes ; Et easdem forisfacturas condempnationes et denariorum summas eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, per presentes damus et concedimus, habend' sibi de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis reddend' solvend' vel faciend'. ACECIAM, perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnes et omnimodas transgressiones et offensas, mesprisiones, decepciones, negligencias, ignorancias, et contemptus contra formam quorumcumque et singulorum statutorum, provisionum seu ordinationum versus justiciarios ad placita coram nobis, aut aliquo progenitorum nostrorum, tenend' justiciarios de banco nostro, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, justiciarios ad assisas, justiciarios ad gaolas deliberand', justiciarios sive custodes pacis nostre conservand', aut justiciarios sive custodes alicujus pro-

one or more of their sergeants or officers in panels and juries in our court, or in the court of any our progenitor, before us, or any our progenitor, or in any other our court, or in any court whatsoever of any our progenitor : and all and all manner and singular other offences, trespasses, contempts, and forfeitures whatsoever, howsoever done and perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the said day, against sheriffs, sub-sheriffs, clerks of sheriffs, escheators, seneschals, sub-seneschals, mayors, constables, *prepositi*, and bailiffs, and the deputy or deputies of them or any one of them, or any sheriffs, sub-sheriffs, clerks of sheriffs, escheators, seneschals, sub-seneschals, mayors, constables, *prepositi*, and bailiffs, and the deputy or deputies of them, or any one of them, in any way touching or concerning any of them, against the form of all and singular the statutes made and published before the said day by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty: and all forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money pertaining, due, or belonging to us by reason or occasion of the premises, or any of them : and the said forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money we give and grant to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by the presents, to have for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making account or anything else on that behalf.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and all manner of trespasses, and offenses, misprisions, frauds, negligences, ignorances, and contempts howsoever done and perpetrated against the form of all and singular the statutes, provisions, or ordinances, against the justices in pleas held before us, or any of our progenitors, justices of our bench, or of any of our progenitors, justices of assizes, justices for gaol deliveries, justices or wardens for preserving our peace, or the justices

genitorum nostrorum pacis sue conservand', aut thesaurarios et barones de scaccario nostro, seu alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sive alios commissarios nostros, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, assignatos, seu eorum aliquem tangentia sive concernend' per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem qualitercumque factas sive perpetratas: Ac omnes forisfacturas condempnaciones et denariorum summas nobis ratione premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, pertinentes debitas sive spectantes: Et easdem forisfacturas condempnaciones et denariorum summas eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, damus et concedimus per presentes, habend' eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio nobis reddend' solvend' seu faciend'. Ac INSUPER, perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnimodas offensas, transgressiones, mesprisiones, contemptus, vel negligencias conclamenta, deceptiones, falsitates, impeticiones et alia malefacta quecumque per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante dictum visesimum tercium diem Aprilis qualitercumque factas sive perpetratas, contra formam omnium et singulorum statutorum de laborantibus servientibus et vacabundis, ac de signis et liberatis pannorum et tapiciorum, ac de retencionibus illicitis quibuscumque: Necnon de apparatu et usu vestium et apparatusum, ac omnium et singulorum aliorum statutorum, et eorum cujuslibet, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem editorum sive provisorum: ac omnes forisfacturas condempnaciones et denariorum summas nobis ratione seu occasion premissorum, sive eorum alicujus, qualitercumque pertinentes debitas sive spectantes: Et easdem forisfacturas condempnaciones et denariorum summas eidem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, per presentes damus et concedimus, habend' sibi de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio nobis inde reddend' solvend' seu faciend'. ET ULTERIUS, perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnimodas demandas articulos itineris destruc-

or wardens for preserving the peace of any our progenitors, or the treasurers and barons of our exchequer, or of any our progenitors, or other our assigned commissaries, or of any of our progenitors, or anything touching or concerning any one of them, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said day : and all forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money pertaining, due, or belonging to us by reason of the premises, or any one of them : and we give and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty the said forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money to have for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making to us an account or anything else.

And, furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of offenses, trespasses, misprisions, contempts, or negligences, concealments, frauds, forgeries, impeachments, and other misdeeds whatsoever, howsoever done or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the said twenty-third day of April, against the form of all and singular the statutes concerning labourers, serving men, and vagabonds, and marks and liveries of cloths and carpets, and of unlawful detentions whatsoever : also concerning the appearance and use of clothing and apparel, and of all and singular other statutes or any of them before the said twenty-third day published and provided ; and all forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money howsoever pertaining, due, or belonging to us by reason or occasion of the premises or any of them ; and we give and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty the said forfeitures, condemnations, and sums of money to have for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making to us an account or anything else on that behalf.

And, furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of demands,

ciones et transgressiones de viridi et venacione seu occisione cervorum damarum et aliarum ferarum in forestis parcis chaceis nostris, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sive aliarum personarum quarumcumque, vendiciones prosternaciones et abscisiones boscorum, infra forestas et extra, et aliarum rerum quarumcumque infra regnum nostrum Anglie ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem factas sive perpetratas, unde punicio caderet in demandas debitas seu in finem et redempcionem, aut in alias penas pecuniarias, seu in forisfacturas bonorum et catallorum ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, sive in oneracionem personarum suarum, et omne id quod ad nos versus ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, pertinet vel pertinere possit ex causis supradictis sive earum aliqua aliquibus statutis actibus ordinacionibus in contrarium factis editis sive provis in aliquo non obstante. ETECIAM, perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnes et omnimodas transgressiones, contemptus, forisfacturas, malefacta, et offensas per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem, factas sive perpetratas, contra formam sive effectum alicujus statuti, actus, sive ordinacionis editi sive provisi, de ripariis gurgitibus stagnis pilis lokkis molendinis gutteris seweris hebbying weris utviethis factis edificatis exaltatis elargatis strictatis, vel extensis vel non extensis, vel non depositis, depositis, aut non prostatis vel prostatis, aut versus ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, quoque modo presentatis, seu non presentatis, adjudicatis coram aliquibus justiciariis, commissionariis, vel ministris nostris, seu alicujus progenitorum nostrorum; et omnia et omnimoda amerciamenta fines penas debita et deperdita super aut versus eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem assessa, sive non assessa, adjudicata sive non adjudicata, ex causis supradictis, sive earum aliqua; Ac omnes et omnimodas forisfacturas, fines, condemnaciones et denariorum summas nobis, seu alicui progenitorum nostrorum, ratione premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, debitas sive

articles in eyre destructions and trespasses of vert and venison, or killing of stags and hinds and other wild beasts in our forests, parks, and chases, or of any of our ancestors, or any other persons whatsoever, the selling, felling, and cutting of woods within forests and without, and all other things done or perpetrated before the said twenty-third day within our Kingdom of England, for which punishment might fall in due demands, or in fine and ransom, or in other pecuniary penalties, or in the forfeiture of the goods and chattels of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or in the taxing of their persons, and all that which pertains, or may be able to pertain to us, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, from the causes abovesaid or any one of them, any statutes, acts, ordinances made, published, or provided to the contrary notwithstanding.

And, furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of trespasses, contempts, forfeitures, misdeeds, and offenses done or perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the aforesaid twenty-third day, against the form and effect of any statute, act, or ordinance published or provided concerning banks, weirs, ponds, piles, locks, mills, drains, sewers, tidal weirs, and weir baskets made, built, raised, enlarged, narrowed, or extended or non-extended, laid-down or not laid down, overthrown or not overthrown, or against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty in any way presented or not presented and adjudged before any our justices, commissioners, or ministers, or of any of our progenitors : and all and all manner of amercements, fines, penalties, dues, and losses assessed or non-assessed, adjudged or non-adjudged, for the causes abovesaid, or any of them, in or against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty : and all and all manner of forfeitures, fines, condemnations, and sums of money due and belonging to us, or any of our progenitors, by reason of the premises, or any of them ;

spectantes : Et easdem forisfacturas, fines, condempnationes et denariorum summas eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati per presentes damus et concedimus, habend' eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis reddend' solvend' vel faciend. ET SIMILITER perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati soluciones et liberationes quarumcumque peciarum auri cunati infra regnum nostrum Anglie, seu alibi, ac quorum cumque vasorum plati, bullionum inassaiatarum, et jocalium auri vel argenti, operatorum vel non operatorum, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, aut per aliquam aliam personam pro eisdem Majore, Ballivo, et Communitate, aut nominibus suis, per aliquem testatorem, seu pro aliquo testatore eorundem Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, sive per aliquem alium, seu pro aliquo alio obintestate decedente, cujus administratores bonorum et catallorum iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas existant, alicui mercatori, aut alie persone, vel aliquibus personis extraneis natis, seu natis extra regnum seu obedienciam nostram, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, pro aliquibus mercandis vel mercimoniis per viam escambii aut aliter, seu alio quocumque modo ante predictum diem solutas sive deliberatas, contra formam cujusdam actus in parlamento apud Westmonasterium anno regni precarissimi patris nostri .H. Septimi quarto editi, aut contra formam alicujus alterius statuti actus sive ordinacionis inde ante predictum vicissimum tercium diem editi sive provisi : ac omnes forisfacturas et pecuniarum summas nobis, vel alicui progenitoribus nostris, ea occasione pertinentes debitas sive spectantes. ACECIAM perdonamus, remittimus et relaxamus iisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas alienaciones, donaciones, et perquisiciones ad manum mortuam factas receptas sive habitas, sive ad aliquem eorum, vel alicujus predecessorum suorum et successorum suorum, usum factas et habitas absque licencia regia ; necnon omnimodas intrusiones et ingressus in temporalia Archiepiscopatus

and we give and grant the said forfeitures, fines, condemnations, and sums of money to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by the presents, the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty to have them for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making account to us, or anything else, on that behalf.

And, likewise, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty the issues and payments of any pieces of coined gold within our Kingdom of England or elsewhere, and of any vessels of plate, of unassayed bullion, and jewels of silver or gold, wrought or not wrought, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any other person for the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or in their names, by any testator, or for any testator of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any one else, or for any one else dying intestate, for whom the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty are administrators of goods and chattels, delivered and paid to any merchant, or other person, or other persons, foreign born, or born without our realm and obedience, or of any our progenitors, for any merchandise or wares, by way of exchange, or otherwise, or in any other way whatsoever, before the aforesaid day, contrary to the form of a certain act published in the Parliament at Westminster in the fourth year of the reign of our very dear father Henry the Seventh, or against the form of any other statute, act, or ordinance published or provided on that behalf before the aforesaid twenty-third day; and all forfeitures and sums of money due and belonging to us, or any of our progenitors, on that account.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of alienations, donations, and perquisitions in mortmain made, had, or received, or to any use of them or any of their predecessors and their successors, made, and had without the royal licence; also all manner of intrusions and entries on the temporalities

episcopatus Abbacie, Prioratus, Collegii, hospitalis seu alterius domus pie religiose sive ecclesiastice cujuscumque, ante predictum vicesimum tertium diem, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, vel per quemcumque alium, vel alios, factas seu habitas. **PERDONAMUS** etiam remittimus et relaxamus per presentes eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnes et omnimodas capciones recepciones percepciones et detenciones quorumcumque reddituum exituum proficuum et revencionum omnium et singulorum terrarum et tenementorum et hereditamentorum proditorum murdratorum, homicidarum, felonum, attinctorum seu convictorum, et aliorum quorumcumque felonum, clericorum attinctorum et clericorum convictorum, utlagatorum waiviata fugitivorum et felonum de se, et in exigenda posita deodanda, thesaurum inventum, wreccum maris, catalla waiviata et straiata nobis qualitercumque spectantia seu forisfactura, que ad manus sive possessionem ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, ante predictum vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis, vel ad eorum usum aliquo modo devenerunt; ac ea omnia et singula redditus exitus proficua revenciones bona catalla et debita eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, damus et concedimus per presentes habend' sibi de dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis vel heredibus nostris reddend' solvend' vel faciend'. **PERDONAMUS** insuper remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas intrusiones et transgressiones intraciones et ingressus per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, vel per aliquos, sive per aliquem antecessorum suorum, aut per aliquem alium, sive aliquos alios quoscumque, in omnia et singula maneria terras tenementa et possessiones et hereditamenta quecumque ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, unde iidem Major, Ballivus, [et Communitas] soli seisiti aut possessionati existunt sive conjunctim cum alio aut aliis, aut alius vel alii ad eorum usum seisiti sive possessionati existunt, aut seisitus sive possessionatus existit, absque debita liberatione prosecucione sive restitutione eorundem

of an archbishopric, bishopric, abbey, priory, college, hospital, or any other pious, religious, or ecclesiastical house whatsoever, made or had, before the aforesaid twenty-third day, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any one else or other whatsoever.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, by the presents, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of takings, receipts, perceptions, and detentions of whatsoever rents, issues, profits, and revenues of all and singular the lands and tenements and hereditaments of traitors, murderers, homicides, felons attainted or convicted, and of all other felons, attainted clerks and convicted clerks, outlaws, the waifs of fugitives and suicides, and in exacting claimed deodands, treasure trove, wreck of the sea, goods, waifs, and strays, belonging or forfeited in any way to us, which have come in any way into the hands or possession of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April, or to their use ; and we give and grant all and singular those rents, issues, profits, revenues, goods, chattels, and debts to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by the presents to have for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making account or anything else on that behalf.

Moreover, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of intrusions, trespasses, entries, and ingresses made and perpetrated, before the aforesaid day, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, or Commonalty, or by any one or more of their antecessors, or by any others whatsoever, in all and singular the manors, lands, tenements, and possessions, and hereditaments whatsoever of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, of which the said Mayor, Bailiff [and Commonalty], be alone seised or possessed, or conjointly with other or others, or an other or others, be seised and possessed for their use, without due livery, information, or restitution of

extra manum regiam, ante predictum diem, factas sive perpetratas : ac omnia exitus et proficua eorundem maneriorum terrarum tenementorum possessionum et hereditamentorum, et cujuslibet inde parcelle, ante predictum vicesimum tertium diem Aprilis, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem aut per quemcumque alium percepta sive recepta : ac omnia exitus et proficua eorundem maneriorum terrarum tenementorum et hereditamentorum quorumcumque, ante eundem diem, crescentia sive emergentia Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes habend' et percipiend' tam per manus suas, quam per manus escaetorum ballivorum firmariorum et occupatorum eorundem, sive alicujus eorundem, sive alicujus parcelle, absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis vel heredibus nostris reddend' solvend' vel faciend'. Ac INSUPER perdonamus, remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas intrusiones, transgressiones et ingressus, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem in quecumque maneria terras tenementa possessiones seu hereditamenta nostra, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, necnon quorumcumque tenencium nostrorum, aut tenencium alicujus progenitoris sive predecessorum nostrorum, in custodia nostra, seu alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, existencium seu non existencium : ac omnimodas rapciones abductiones et capciones quarumcumque heredum tenencium nostrorum aut alicujus progenitoris nostri vel aliorum quorumcumque, nobis, aut alicui progenitorum nostrorum pertinencium, ante dictum diem factas et habitas : ac omnes fines et forisfacturas pro maritagio, aut valore, aut duplici valore, maritagiorum eorundem heredum, et eorum cujuslibet, ante eundem diem maritatorum : Et omne id quod ad nos in hac parte pertinet, seu pertinere debet, aut debuisset : ac omnia exitus redditus revenciones et proficua omnium premissorum per eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante eundem diem percepta et habita ; et eadem redditus revenciones et proficua eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedi-

the same without the royal hand ; and all issues and profits of the said manors, lands, tenements, possessions, and hereditaments, and any parcels of them, taken and received before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by anyone else whatsoever ; and we give and grant all the issues and profits of the said manors, lands, tenements, and hereditaments whatsoever accruing and arising before the said day to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, by the presents, to have and receive, as well by their hands as by the hands of the escheators, bailiffs, farmers, and occupiers of the same, or any one of them, or of any parcel of them, without giving, paying, or making an account or anything else to us or our heirs on that behalf.

And, moreover, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of intrusions, trespasses, and ingresses made and had before the said day by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty upon whatsoever our manors, lands and tenements, possessions or hereditaments, or of any of our progenitors, also of whatsoever our tenants, or the tenants of any of our progenitors or predecessors, being or not being in the custody of us, or of any of our progenitors : and all manner of seizures, abductions, and captures of whatsoever heirs of our tenants, or of any our progenitor, or of others whatsoever pertaining to us, or to anyone of our progenitors ; and all fines and forfeitures for the marriage, or the value, or double value, of the marriage of the said heirs, and any one of them, married before the said day ; and all that which on this behalf pertains, or ought or should pertain, to us ; and all issues, rents, revenues, and profits of all the premises taken and had before the said day by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty ; and we give and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty the said issues, rents, revenues, and profits to said Mayor, Bailiff, and Common-

mus per presentes habend' eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati de dono nostro absque compoto aliquo seu aliquo alio inde nobis reddend' solvend' seu faciend'. Ac **INSUPER** perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes fines, redempciones, forisfacturas, et transgressiones, pro maritagio quarumcumque viduarum nostrarum, sive alicujus vidue nostre, sive viduarum nostrarum, aut vidue sive viduarum alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, et cujuslibet hujusmodi vidue aut viduarum, pro maritagiis suis cujuslibet heredum femellarum tenencium nostrorum, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sine licencia regia ante dictum diem maritatarum: Necnon omnia exitus et proficua omnium et singulorum maneriorum, terrarum, tenementorum, redditum, possessionum, hereditamentorum, ac wardatorum, et maritagiorum quorumcumque tenencium et viduarum predictarum et heredum femellarum tenencium nostrorum, aut tenentium alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sive predecessorum nostrorum, cujuscumque dignitatis vel condicionis fuerit vel fuerint, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem, quovis modo habita sive percepta, eisdem Majori, Ballivi, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes absque compoto seu aliquo alio pro inde nobis vel heredibus nostris reddend', solvend', seu faciend': **PERDONAMUS** insuper remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimoda vasta et destrucciones quecumque, ante dictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem facta in quibuscumque terris, tenementis, seu hereditamentis cujuscumque persone, que est, aut fuit, aliquo tempore in custodia nostra, aut alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, ratione junioris etatis ejusdem heredis: Et omnes exitus et proficua eorundem terrarum, tenementorum, et hereditamentorum ipsius heredis, ac custodiam et maritagium ejusdem heredis: Et omne id quod ad nos ratione alicujus hujusmodi vasti destruccionis pertinet, seu pertinere poterit

alty, to have to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty of our gift without giving, paying, or making any account or anything else to us on that behalf.

And, moreover, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all fines, ransoms, forfeitures, and trespasses, for the marriage of whatsoever our widows, or of any one our widow, or widows, or of the widow or widows of any of our progenitors, and of any widow or widows of this sort, for their marriages of any one of the heirs of our female tenants, or of any of our progenitors, married without the royal licence before the said day: also all issues and profits in whatsoever manner had or taken by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty before the aforesaid twenty-third day, of all and singular the manors, lands, tenements, rents, possessions, hereditaments, and wardships, and marriages whatsoever of the tenants and widows aforesaid, and of the heirs of our female tenants, or the tenants of any of our progenitors or predecessors, of whatsoever dignity and condition she or they may have been, we give and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, without giving, paying, or making an account or anything else to us or our heirs on that behalf.

Moreover, we pardon, remit, and release to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all manner of wastes and destructions made by the said Mayor, Bailiff, or Commonalty before the said twenty-third day of April in whatsoever lands, tenements, or hereditaments, of any person whatsoever who is, or was, at any time in our ward, or of any one of our progenitors, by reason of the said heir being under age, and all issues and profits of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments of the said heir, and the ward and marriage of the said heir: and all that which pertains, or shall be able in any way to pertain, to us by reason of any waste or destruction of this kind, we give

quoque modo, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati per presentes damus et concedimus absque aliquo compoto seu aliquo alio nobis aut heredibus nostris inde reddend', solvend', vel faciend': ET ULTERIUS perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus per presentes eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas donaciones, alienaciones, et perquisiciones per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, aut per aliquam aliam personam, sive aliquas alias personas, de terris et tenementis, hereditamentis et possessionibus quibuscumque unde iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas soli seisiti existunt, vel conjunctim simul cum alio, vel aliis, vel aliquis alius, aut aliqui alii, ad usum eorundem Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis seisitus existit, vel seisiti existunt, de nobis, aut aliquo progenitorum nostrorum, in capite vel aliter tentis per quamcumque personam ac quascumque personas, ante dictum diem factas et habitas, licencia Regia inde non obtenta: Ac percepciones recepciones exitus revenciones, et proficua eorundem terrarum, tenementorum, et hereditamentorum, et possessionum, et cujuslibet inde parcelle, ante predictum diem factas sive habitas: Necnon eadem exitus proficua et revenciones eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes habend' ex dono nostro absque compoto vel aliquo alio pro eisdem seu eorum aliquo nobis reddend', solvend', vel faciend'. PERDONAMUS eciam remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas benevolencias, et omnes et omnimodas pecuniarum summas nomine benevolencie, carissimo patri nostro nuper Regi Anglie, .H. Septimo, aut aliis progenitoribus nostris sive predecessoribus, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, sive per aliquem antecessorum suorum, seu per aliquem alium, vel per aliquem testatorem, sive aliquos testatores ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, sive per aliquem alium obintestatum decedentem, cujus bonorum et catallorum administracio eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati commisa fuit, et concessa, et nobis quovis modo debitas: Ac omnes et omnimodas decimas et quintas decimas, auxilia subsidia, dupla sub-

and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, without giving, paying, or making any account or anything else to us or our heirs on that behalf.

And furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of donations, alienations, and perquisitions, made and had before the said day, the royal licence therefore not having been obtained, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any other person, or any other persons, on all lands and tenements, hereditaments, and possessions whatsoever, of which the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, be seised alone, or conjointly together with another or others, or any one else, or any others, is or are seised for the use of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty held of us, or any one of our progenitors, *in capite* or otherwise, through any person or persons whatsoever: and the takings, receipts, issues, revenues, and profits of the said lands, tenements and hereditaments, and possessions, and of any parcel of them, made or had before the said day; also we give and grant by the presents the said issues, profits, and revenues, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, to have of our gift without giving, paying, or making to us an account or anything else for them or any one of them.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty all and all manner of benevolences, and all and all manner of sums of money under the name of benevolences, howsoever due to our dearest father, Henry VII., lately King of England, and to us, or to other our progenitors or predecessors, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any of their antecessors, or by any one else, or by any testator, or any testators of the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any one dying intestate, the administration of whose goods and chattels was committed and granted to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty: and all and all manner of tenths and fifteenths, aids, subsidies,

sidiorum, ac dimas et decimas per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem nobis, aut predicto precarissimo patri nostro, aut alicui alio progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum, ante predictum diem, debita sive concessa: Ac collecciones, recepciones, et detenciones eorundem et cujuslibet inde parcelle, ac omnem compotum et ratiocinium nobis pro eisdem seu eorum aliquo qualitercumque reddend', solvend', vel faciend': PERDONAMUS insuper remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodos ingressus et intraciones in terras, tenementa, hereditamenta, cujuscumque idiote aut fatui naturalis, ac quorumcumque ideotarum sive fatuorum naturalium, et eorum cujuslibet, ac cujuscumque persone que ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis fuit lunaticus, vel lucidus per intervalla; Et recepciones, revenciones, et proficua eorundem terrarum, tenementorum, et hereditamentorum, et cujuslibet inde parcelle, per eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, seu per aliquem alium eorum nominibus, vel ad eorum usum, ante eundem diem percepta sive habitadamus et concedimus eisdem Majorem, Ballivo, et Communitati habend' sibi ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio inde nobis aut heredibus nostris solven', reddend', vel faciend'. ET ULTERIUS perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus per presentes eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas empciones, vendiciones, recepciones, et occupaciones alluvionum, infra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie, vel alibi, contra formam cujuscumque ordinacionis sive proclamacionis inde ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis facte seu edite; ac forisfacturas et contemptus in ea parte per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem factas sive perpetratas. ACECIAM perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas forisfacturas, conclamenta, decepiones, usuras, contractus usurarum, corruptas et illicitas barganias, et convenciones, empciones, et vendiciones, ac attemptiones et forisfacturas quascumque, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante predictum diem, contra formam alicujus statuti,

double subsidies, and dimes, and tenths, due or granted by the said Mayor, Bailiff, or Commonalty to us, or our aforesaid dearest father, or any other of our progenitors or predecessors, before the aforesaid day ; and the collections, receipts, and detentions of the same, or of any parcel of the same, and every account and reckoning to be given, paid, and made in any way to us for them, or any of them.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and all manner of ingresses and entries on the lands, tenements, and hereditaments of any idiot or natural fool, and of all idiots and natural fools whatsoever, and any one of them, and of any person whatsoever who before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April was lunatic, or lucid at intervals ; and the receipts, revenues, and profits, of the said lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and of any parcels of them, received or had by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or by any one else in their names, or for their use, before the said day, we give and grant to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, to have for themselves of our gift without giving, paying, or making an account or anything else to us or our heirs on that behalf.

And furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and all manner of purchases, sales, receipts, and occupations of alluvions made and perpetrated by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, within our Kingdom of England or elsewhere, contrary to the form of any ordinance or proclamation published or made before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April, and the forfeitures and contempts on that behalf.

Also, we pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of forfeitures, concealments, frauds, usuries, contracts of usury, corrupt and unlawful bargains, and agreements, purchases, and sales, and attempts and forfeitures whatsoever, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the aforesaid day, against the form of any statute

sive aliquorum statutorum, in Parlamento apud Westmonasterium tento, anno regni precarissimi patris nostri tercio, pro reformatione corruptarum et illicitarum barganiarum extunc fiend', editorum et provisorum, ac contra formam et ordinacionem alterius statuti sive ordinacionis in Parlamento apud Westmonasterium, anno regni predicti carissimi patris nostri undecimo tento, similiter editi et provisi pro punicione usurarum sive usuratorum et pro feneracione et prestacione sive imitatione monete contra formam ordinacionis sive actus illius, sive alicujus alterius actus sive ordinacionis inde editi et provisi. **PERDONAMUS** insuper remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas offensas et transgressiones nobis, seu alicui progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, contra formam quorumcumque et singulorum statutorum de non inveniundo securitatem per recogniciones in Cancellario nostro post aliquod escambium per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, aut testatores suos, sive aliquem alium obintestatum decedentem, cujus administracio bonorum eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati commissa fuit, ante eundem diem factas, ad approvand' infra regnum nostrum de commoditatibus hujus regni ad valorem rei et pecunie per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem sic escambitis: Ac omnes forisfacturas, penalitates, et denariorum summas nobis in hac parte debitas sive pertinentes: Ac omnimodas forisfacturas, concelamenta, decepiones, usuras, contractus usurarum, barganias corruptas, chevesancias, convenciones, coloraciones, escambia, re-escambia corrupta et illicita, misprisiones, contemptus, impeticiones, recepciones, empciones, mutuaciones, prestaciones, facciones et vendiciones illicitorum pannorum laneorum, liniarum, cericorum, lanarum, corriorum, stannorum, plumborum, mercandizarum, mercimoniorum, ac aliarum rerum quarumcumque, ac deliberaciones eorundem: Necnon illicitas vendiciones pro non prompta solutione denariorum summarum, vel mercimoniorum mercatoribus extraneis venditorum, vel pro diebus solucionis

or any statutes published and provided in a Parliament held at Westminster, in the third year of the reign of our very dearest father, for the reformation of corrupt and unlawful bargains to be made henceforward, and against the form and order of another statute or ordinance similarly published and provided in a Parliament held at Westminster in the eleventh year of the reign of our aforesaid dearest father, for the punishment of usuries or usurers, and for feneration, purveyance, or imitation of money against the form of the ordinance, either of that Act, or any other Act or order published and provided on that behalf.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of offences and trespasses done against us, or any of our progenitors or predecessors, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, contrary to the form of whatsoever and singular the statutes concerning the non-finding security by recognizances in our Chancellery after any exchange by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or their testators, or any one else dying intestate, the administration of whose goods was entrusted to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, for appraising the value of the thing or money, within our Kingdom of the commodities of this Kingdom, so exchanged by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty : and all forfeitures, penalties, and sums of money due or pertaining to us on this behalf : and all manner of forfeitures, concealments, frauds, usuries, contracts of usury, corrupt bargains, chevisances, conventions, colourings, exchanges, corrupt and unlawful re-exchanges, misprisions, contempts, impeachments, receipts, purchases, mutuations, prestations, makings, and sales of unlawful woollen cloths, linens, silks, fleeces, hides, tin, lead, merchandise, wares, and any other things whatsoever, and the deliveries of the same ; also illicit sales for the non prompt payment of sums of money, of wares sold to foreign merchants, or for days of payment

dati super vendicione illicita: Necnon omnes et omnimodas falsitates, deceptiones, offensas, in factura pannorum laneorum, et in extraccione in latitudine et longitudine eorundem, ac omnes falsitates, deceptiones, offensas, et misprisiones pannos laneos concernentes, ac empciones et vendiciones quorumcumque laneorum pannorum non sigillatorum, vel non existentium de tam bona factura sicut essent aut deberent, per formam aliquorum statutorum inde editorum ac per consuetudinem et legem terre, vel aliter: Ac omnes et omnimodas empciones et vendiciones quascumque omnium vinorum oleorum victualium et aliarum mercandisarum non gaugeatarum, et detenciones et forisfacturas eorundem, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante predictum diem qualitercumque et quoscienscumque facta habita commissa sive perpetrata: Necnon eskippaciones, conducciones, inducciones ad terras, positiones, traducciones, educiones, asportaciones, et transportaciones quorumcumque bonorum et catallorum auri argenti vel aliorum mercimoniorum mercandizarum et rerum quarumcumque, tam ab hoc regno Anglie, villa Cales, terra Hibernie, et Marchiis Wallie, vel alibi, in regnum Dacie vel ad alias partes transmarinas quascumque, quam a partibus Island, Norwegie, et aliis partibus transmarinis quibuscumque, in hoc regnum nostrum Anglie, villam Cales, terram Hibernie, vel Marchias Wallie, seu alibi; ac inducciones a partibus externis et transmarinis quibuscumque in hoc regnum nostrum Anglie quorumcumque ribandorum, cincturarum, cericorum, piscium, seu aliarum mercandisarum et rerum quarumcumque ad vendend⁹, et detenciones eorundem, ac forisfacturas, et valores eorundem, ac omnimodas deceptiones, transgressiones, et offensas de aut pro falsis ponderibus et mensuris quibuscumque: Necnon omnimodas offensas, transgressiones, forisfacturas, fines, penas, et contemptus contra formam ordinationum, et effectum quorumcumque statutorum, actuum, ordinationum, sive provisionum contra usurarios et usurarum purpresturas, regrataria, et forstallaria vel corruptas indebitas aut illicitas barganias sive chevesancias,

given for an unlawful sale ; also all and all manner of cheats, frauds, offenses in the making of woollen cloths, and for shortening their length or breadth ; and all cheats, frauds, offences, and misprisions concerning woollen cloths, and purchases and sales of whatsoever woollen cloths unsealed, or not being of such good manufacture as they might or should be according to the form of any statute published on that behalf, and by the custom and law of the land, or otherwise ; and all and all manner of purchases and sales whatsoever of all wines, oils, victuals, and other merchandise not gauged, and detentions and forfeitures of the same, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, howsoever and how often done, had committed or perpetrated before the said day : also the shipping, taking, landing, placing, taking across, taking away, carrying off, and transportation of whatsoever goods and chattels, gold, silver, or any other merchandise, wares, and things whatsoever, as well from this Kingdom of England, the town of Calais, Ireland, and the Marches of Wales, or elsewhere, to the Kingdom of Denmark, or to other transmarine parts whatsoever, as from the parts of Iceland, Norway, and other transmarine parts whatsoever in to this our Kingdom of England, the town of Calais, Ireland, or the Marches of Wales, or elsewhere ; and the introducing from foreign and transmarine parts whatsoever, for sale into this our Kingdom of England, whatsoever ribbons, girdles, silks, fish, or other merchandise and things whatsoever, and detentions of the same, and the forfeitures and values of the same, and all manner of frauds, trespasses, and offenses in, or for false weights and measures whatsoever : also all manner of offenses, trespasses, forfeitures, fines, penalties, and contempts against the form of the ordinances, and effect of whatsoever statutes, acts, ordinances, or provisions published or provided against usurers and pourprestures of usuries, regrations, and forestallations, or corrupt undue or illicit bargains or chevisances,

aut illicitas empciones seu vendiciones utentes tempore nostro, aut tempore alicujus progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum, quondam, aut nuper Regum Anglie, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, editorum sive provisorum, vel contra legem nostram Anglie, unde iidem Major, Ballivus, et Communitas caderent aut essent in punicione demando forisfactura aut deperdito alicujus summe vel aliquarum summarum, sive in forisfactura bonorum et catalogorum rerum et mercandisarum suarum, vel valores eorundem, seu alicujus parcelle eorundem: Necnon omnimodas transgressiones, omissiones, forisfacturas, concelamenta, custumas, et subsidia subtracciones, et cogniciones eorundem: Ac indebitas injustas intraciones mercandisarum mercimoni-
orum et aliquarum rerum quarumcumque in libris Customarii seu aliorum Officiariorum nostrorum, seu progenitorum nostrorum, ac imbesillaciones eorundem, et rerum forisfacturarum quarumcumque ratione premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, ante eundem diem, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem facta sive perpetrata. **PERDONAVIMUS** eciam remisimus et relaxavimus, ac per presentes perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati, omnimodas forisfacturas, debita et demanda nobis debita pertinentia seu spectantia ratione aliquarum recognicionum, assumpcionum, manucapcionum, immunicionum scriptorum obligatoriorum, aut aliorum scriptorum quorumcumque, nobis, aut progenitoribus nostris, vel alicui alii persone, seu aliquibus aliis personis, ad usum nostrum, vel ad usum alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, factorum et habitorum per prefatos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem Solos, vel per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem conjunctim cum aliis personis, sive alia persona, pro se ipsis, vel pro aliqua alia persona, vel pro aliquibus aliis personis, tantum modo pro pace nostra, sive alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, gerend', aut pro quacumque comparancia fiend', vel pro fidelitate aut pro ligeancia suis, vel ligeancia alicujus alterius persone, aut pro se bene gerend', aut pro aliqua alia persona, seu aliquibus aliis

or illicit purchases or sales done in our time, or in the time of any of our progenitors or predecessors, formerly or lately Kings of England, before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April, or against our law of England, for which the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty might fall or be in punishment, demand forfeiture or loss of any sum or any sums, or in forfeiture of their goods and chattels, things, and merchandise, or their values, or any parcel of them ; Also all manner of trespasses, omissions, forfeitures, concealments, customs, and subsidies, subtractions, and cognisances of the same ; and undue and unjust entries of merchandise, wares, and other things whatsoever, in books of the customer or of other our officers, or of our progenitors, and embezzlements of the same, and of whatsoever things forfeited by reason of the premises, or any of them, done or perpetrated before the said day by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty.

We have furthermore pardoned, remitted, and released, and by the presents do pardon, release, and remit, to the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of forfeitures, debts, and demands due, pertaining, or belonging to us by reason of any recognisances, assumptions, manucaptions, immunities of bonds, or any other deeds whatsoever made or had before the said twenty-third day of April to us, or our progenitors, or to any other person, or any other persons, for our use, for the use of any our progenitors, by the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty alone, or by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty conjointly with other persons, or another person, for themselves, or for any other person, or for any other persons, for thus securing our peace, or of any of our progenitors, or for making whatsoever appearance, or for their fidelity or loyalty, or the loyalty of any other persons, or for their good conduct,

personis, pro se aut ipsis bene gerend', sive gerend', coram nobis, aut aliquo progenitorum nostrorum, vel in Cancellaria nostra, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, vel in aliqua curia nostra, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, coram aliquibus cancellariis vel justiciariis vel commissariis nostris, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sive coram nobis et consilio nostro, vel alicujus progenitorum nostrorum et consilio suo, aut coram consilio alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, vel coram aliis vel aliquibus de consilio alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, sive consiliario aut consiliariis alicujus progenitorum nostrorum : Aceciam omnia et omnimoda fines exitus et amerciamenta penas debita demanda et deperdita quecumque per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem in quibuscumque curiis nostris, seu alicujus progenitorum nostrorum, seu alibi aliquo modo, ratione premissorum, sive eorum alicujus, forisfacta adjudicata sive non adjudicata : Necnon omnimodas offensas, transgressiones, forisfacturas, deperdita contra formam quorumcumque statutorum et provisionum de jocis ludis illicitis et prohibitis, per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem habitas factas sive perpetratas : Ac INSUPER perdonavimus, remisimus, et relaxavimus, ac per presentes perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus, eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodas utlagarias quascumque versus ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ratione sive occasione premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, aut alicujus alterius rei cause vel materie cujuscumque, tam ad sectam nostram, quam ad sectam alicujus, seu aliquorum progenitorum nostrorum, seu alicujus, sive aliquorum aliorum quorumcumque, ante predictum diem promulgatas ; Et firmam pacem nostram eisdem Majori, Ballivi, et Communitati inde concedimus, Ita tamen quod stent recto in curia nostra si quis versus eos inde loqui voluerit : Ac omnimodas forisfacturas quorumcumque bonorum et catallorum exituum et proficuorum quorumcumque terrarum, tenementorum ratione utlagarie illius sive utlagariarum illarum nobis, seu alicui progenitorum nostrorum, ante eundem diem forisfactas : Et eadem omnia bona

or for the good conduct of any other person, or other persons, for them or themselves, before us, or any of our progenitors, or in our Chancellery, or of any of our progenitors, or in any our court, or any of our progenitors, before any of our chancellors or justiciars or commissaries, or of any of our progenitors, or before us and our council, or of any of our progenitors and his council, or before the council of any of our progenitors, or before any one or more of the council of any of our progenitors, or the counsellors or counsellor of any of our progenitors: and also, all and all manner of fines, issues, and amercements, penalties, debts, demands, and losses whatsoever forfeited, adjudged, or non-adjudged by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, by reason of the premises, or any of them, in whatsoever our courts, or of any of our progenitors, or otherwise in any way: also, all manner of offences, trespasses, forfeitures, losses had, made, or perpetrated before the said day, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, against the form of whatsoever statutes and provisions concerning prohibited and unlawful sports and plays.

And furthermore, we have pardoned, remitted, and released, and, by the presents, do pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of outlawries whatsoever promulgated before the aforesaid day, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, by reason or occasion of the premises, or any of them, or for any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, as well as at our suit, as at the suit of any one, or any of our progenitors, or of any one, or any others whatsoever; and we grant our firm peace to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, on that behalf, so that, nevertheless, they may abide the sentence of our court if any one wish to implead them on that behalf: and all manner of forfeitures of whatsoever goods and chattels, issues and profits, of whatsoever lands and tenements forfeited to us, or any of our progenitors, before the said day, by reason of that outlawry, or those outlawries;

catalla exitus et proficua eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes in quorumcumque, sive cujuscumque, manibus seu possessione existunt, aut aliqua parcella eorundem existit, ac dono nostro absque aliquo compoto seu aliquo alio nobis vel heredibus nostris inde reddend', solvend', seu faciend' : PERDONAMUS insuper remittimus et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnimodos contemptus fines et forisfacturas nobis, seu alicui progenitorum nostrorum, factos sive forisfactos, ante dictum vicesimum tercium diem, pro ordine militari non suscepto seu suscipiend', sive non assumend' vel recipiend' : Aceciam omnia et omnimoda vasta prosternaciones et decasus domorum, ante eundem diem facta permissa sive perpetrata, contra formam statuti domini H. nuper Regis Anglie septimi, patris nostri, anno regni sui quarto inde proviso, et omnem forisfacturam nobis, seu alicui progenitorum nostrorum, ea occasione pertinentem seu spectantem : ACECIAM perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus omnimodas fines et amerciamenta comitatum, civitatum, burgorum, sive villarum aut villatarum causa alicujus, ante predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, nobis, seu alicui progenitorum nostrorum, debitas sive deperditas : PERDONAMUS eciam et relaxamus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas edificationes Turrium, et imbatillationem, mascalcionum domorum, murorum, aut alicujus alterius edificationis, vel quorumcumque edificiorum ipsorum Majoris, Ballivi, et Communitatis, seu alicujus alterius ad eorum usum, absque licencia regia, ante ea tempora, factas, perpetratas, aut reparatas per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem aut aliam personam quamcumque : Ac omne id quod ad nos pertinet vel pertinere debet aut deberet ratione premissorum aut eorum alicujus eisdem Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati damus et concedimus per presentes : ET ULTERIUS de uberiori et habundanciori gracia et mero motu nostris perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus per presentes prefatis Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et singulas rupturas, fracturas, et violaciones, omnium

and we give and grant of our gift by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all the said goods, chattels, issues, and profits in whomsoever, or whosoever hands or possession they may be, or any parcel of them, without giving, paying, or making any account or any other thing to us, or our heirs on that behalf.

Furthermore, we pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of contempts, fines, and forfeitures, made or forfeited to us, or any of our progenitors, before the said twenty-third day, for not having undertaken, or undertaking, or not assuming or receiving a military order : and also, all and all manner of wastes, demolition, and falling to ruin of houses done, permitted, or perpetrated, before the said day, against the form of the statute of our father, the lord Henry VII., lately King of England, provided on that behalf in the fourth year of his reign, and all the forfeit pertaining or belonging on that account to us, or any of our progenitors.

And also, we pardon, release, and remit, all manner of fines and amercements of counties, cities, boroughs or towns, or villages, due or lost to us, or any of our progenitors, before the aforesaid twenty-third day of April, at the cause of anyone.

We furthermore pardon, remit, and release, to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all manner of buildings, of towers, and embattling and machicolating of houses, walls, or of any other building, or whatsoever buildings, belonging to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or to any one else for their use, done, perpetrated, or repaired by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or any other person whatsoever, before the said time ; and all that which pertains, or may and might pertain, to us by reason of the premises, or any one of them, we give and grant by the presents to the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty.

And furthermore, of our fuller and more abundant grace and mere motion, we pardon, remit, and release, by the presents, to the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and singular ruptures, infractions, and violations, of all

et singulorum quorumcumque statutorum, actuum, ordinationum, provisionum, restriccionum, proclamacionum, et prohibicionum, ante dictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, qualitercumque factorum, editorum, sive provisorum: Ac omnes et singulas transgressiones, contemptus, et offensas per ipsos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem ante eundem diem qualitercumque factorum, editorum, sive provisorum contra formam aut effectum alicujus eorundem statutorum, actuum, ordinationum, provisionum, restriccionum, proclamacionum, et prohibicionum qualitercumque factas sive perpetratas: Necnon omnes et singulas forisfacturas, puniciones, imprisonamenta, fines, redempciones, amerciamenta, penas, pecuniarias et corporales sectas, querelas, prosecutiones, condempnaciones, judicia, execuciones, debita, denariorum summas et demanda quas vel que nos, aut aliquis progenitorum nostrorum, versus prefatos Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem, ante eundem diem, ratione, virtute, vigore, seu occasione fraccionis, rupture, aut violacionis alicujus statutorum, actuum, ordinationum, provisionum, restriccionum, proclamacionum, et prohibicionum predictorum, seu eorum alicujus, habuimus seu habere poterimus, aut nos, vel heredes nostri, versus eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, Communitatem habemus habuimus seu habere potuerimus quoque modo: ETECIAM perdonamus, remittimus, et relaxamus prefatis Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati omnes et omnimodas acciones, sectas, querelas, impeticiones, et demanda quas vel que habemus habuimus seu habere potuerimus versus eosdem Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem pro premissis vel aliquo premissorum aut ratione vel occasione premissorum, vel eorum alicujus, in hiis litteris nostris patentibus contentis et specificatis usque predictum vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis: ET ULTERIUS nos de uberiori gracia nostra et nostre regie potestatis plenitudine volumus et expresse mandamus quod presens nostra pardonatio sive concessio, et omnes et singuli articuli in presentibus contenti et specificati, tam quo ad sententiam et intencionem, quam ad verba, benigne favorabiliter et

and singular whatsoever statutes, acts, ordinances, provisions, restrictions, proclamations, and prohibitions howsoever done, published, or provided, before the said twenty-third day of April ; and all and singular trespasses, contempts, and offenses howsoever done or perpetrated, before the said day, by the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, against the form and effect of any one of the said statutes, acts, ordinances, provisions, restrictions, proclamations, and prohibitions however done, published, or provided : also all and singular forfeitures, punishments, imprisonments, fines, redemptions, amercements, pecuniary and corporal penalties, suits, pleas, prosecutions, condemnations, judgments, executions, debts, sums of money, and demands, which we, or any of our progenitors, have, or shall be able to have, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, or we, or our heirs have and had, or shall be able to have, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, before the said day, by reason, virtue, vigour, or occasion of the infraction, rupture, or violation of any of the statutes, acts, ordinances, provisions, restrictions, proclamations, and prohibitions aforesaid, or any one of them.

And also we pardon, remit, and release, to the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, all and all manner of actions, suits, pleas, impeachments, and demands, which we have, had, or shall be able to have, against the said Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, for the premises, or any of the premises, by reason or occasion of the premises, or any of them, contained and specified in these our letters patent up to the said twenty-third day of April.

And furthermore, of our fuller grace, and in the plenitude of our royal power, we will, and expressly command, that our present pardon or grant, and all and singular the articles contained and specified in the presents, as well as regards its sense and intention, as also the words be explained, declared, interpreted, and judged kindly, favourably, and graciously,

graciose necnon in utilitatem et beneficium predictorum Majorem, Ballivum, et Communitatem exponantur, declarentur, interpretentur, et adjudicentur et usualiter nec alio modo, eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo seu de aliquo alio valore, aut de certitudine premissorum, seu eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus, prefatis Majori, Ballivo, et Communitati per nos, seu per aliquem progenitorum sive predecessorum nostrorum, ante eundem vicesimum tercium diem Aprilis, in presentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinatione, provisione, seu restriccionem inde incontrarium factis, editis, sive ordinatis, aut aliqua alia materia re vel causa quacumque non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die februarii anno regni nostri tercio.

[*Per ipsum regem. Waren.*]

and also for the use and benefit of the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty, and as is customary and in no other way, provided that there be not made at all, by the presents, the express mention of the true annual value, or of any other value, or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of other gifts or grants made to the aforesaid Mayor, Bailiff, and Commonalty by us, or by any of our progenitors or predecessors before the said twenty-third day of April, or in any statute, act, ordinance, provisions, or restrictions to the contrary made, published, or ordained on that behalf, or any matter, thing, or cause whatsoever notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster on the twelfth day of February in the third year of our reign.

(By the King himself—Waren.)

Part of the Great Seal—white—remains.

XCIV.

vij Junii, 5 Hen. VIII.

HENRICUS, dei gratia Rex Anglie et ffrancie, Dominus Hibernie, Constabulario suo Dovorre ac Custodi Quinque Portuum suorum, vel ejus locumtenenti — Salutem. Mandamus vobis firmiter injungentes quod statim visis presentibus in quolibet portu portuum predictorum publicas proclamaciones fieri faciatis in hec verba,—

fforasmoehe as the Kyngge our Sovereigne Lord Henry, by the grace of God, Kyngge of England and of ffrauce, and Lord of Ireland, entendith by Goddis suffraunce in his owne person to passe over the sees into the Realm of ffrauce, and ther to make warre ayenst Lewes, the ffrenche Kyngge, and his adherentis, not only enemyes of Christis Church, but also usurpers and unjuste reteyners of the Kyngis possessions, rightis, and enheritauncis unto his Crowne of England rightwisly apperteynyng; for the recovere and opteynyng of his seid right and inheritaunce, and willyng in his absence specially to provyde for the wellthe, suertie, and defence of this his seid Realme and his subjectis of the same. Consideryng also that after the lawes and lawdable custumes of this his realme his seid subjectis ben bounden to always purveyde of sufficient and convenient harnesse for the warre for defense of his most noble person, his realme, and themselves, when the case shall so require, and also for aeyne greate and urgent causes movyng him and his counsell, hath, by thadvyse of the same, ordeyned, decreed, and determined that every man, beyng of habilite and power, shall provyde and have within his dwellyng hous for hymselfe and his housold servauntis sufficient and convenient harnesse for the warre, every man after his degree to thentent as is before expressed. Wherefore his highnesse straitly chargeth and commandeth every man, beyng of habilite and power as is aforesaid, to provyde forthwith, and with all diligence possible to have within his seid house, for hym

XCIV.

7 June 1513.

HENRY, by the grace of God, King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, to his Constable of Dover and Warden of his Cinque Ports, or his Lieutenant—Greeting.

We, firmly enjoining you, command that you cause public proclamations to be made in every port of the ports aforesaid, immediately you have seen the presents, in these words,—

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and his seid housold servauntis, sufficient and convenient harnesse accordyng to their degrees, as apperteigneth to be don by the seid lawes and auncient custumes, and by this the Kyngis high commaundement, for the suertie of the same realme and themselfe, and that they faile not thus to doo upon the perell that may thereof ensue. And on that his highnes straitly chargeth and commandeth all Mares, Bailiffis, and Constables that every of them make serche from tyme to tyme, as they shall thynk convenient, within every place where as they bene officers assigned, as well within liberties as without of seid, for suche sufficient and convenient harnesse to be provyded and had, in maner and fourme as is before expressed. So that his highnesse and his faithfull subjectis be in no maner of wise defrauded ne endangered for lak of men and harnesse as is aforesaid—and God Save the Kynge.

Et hoc sub periculo incumbenti nullatenus omittatis.

Teste me ipso apud Westm. vij die Junii anno regni nostri quinto.

And that ye in no way omit doing this at your imminent peril.

Witness myself at Westminster the seventh day of June in the fifth year of our reign.

A portion of the Great Seal remains.

XCV.

xx Septembris, 5 Hen. VIII.

HEC indentura testatur quod Nicholaus Aldy, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, et Jurati ejusdem ville, per assensum et concensum tocius Communitatis concesserunt, dimiserunt, ac tradiderunt Roberto ffuce, de Dovorra, unam terram edificatam jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Snargatewarde, videlicet, ad quendam portam vocatam Snargate, et Regiam stratam ibidem, et terram Nicholai Templeman versus northeast et west ; et terram nuper Johannis Claryngbold versus southwest : habend' et tenend' predictam unam terram prefato Roberto ffuce, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum : ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem portus predicti : acceiam reddend' prefatis Majori, Juratis, et Communitati, et eorum successoribus imperpetuum annualem redditum sex denarios legalis monete Anglie, ad festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste solvend' : et si contingat predictum annualem redditum sex denariorum, vel aliqua parcella inde, ad aliquod festum quo solvi debeat aretro fore, tunc bene licebit prefatis Majori, Juratis, et Communitati predicte ville et eorum successoribus in predictam unam terram intrare et distringere, et districciones sic captas abducere et asportare quousque de eo quod aretro fuerit sit eis satisfactum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum officii Majoratus ville Dovorre presentibus est appensum.

Data apud Dovorram predictam vicesimo die Septembris anno regni Regis Henrici octavi quinto.

XCV.

20 September 1513.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Nicholas Aldy, Mayor of the Port and Town of Dover, and the Jurats of the said town, by the assent and consent of the whole Commonalty, have granted, demised, and delivered to Robert Fluce, of Dover, one plot of building land lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Snargate Ward, to wit, next a certain gate called Snargate, and the King's highway there, and the land of Nicholas Templeman to the north-east and west, and the land formerly John Claringbould's to the south-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land to the aforesaid Robert Fluce, his heirs and assigns for ever : he doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the port aforesaid : and also paying to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, and their successors for ever, an annual rent of *6d.* of legal English money, to be paid at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist : and if it happens that the aforesaid annual rent of *6d.*, or any part thereof, at any feast on which it ought to be paid, be in arrear, then it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of the aforesaid town, and their successors, to enter and distrain on the aforesaid land, and lead away and carry off the distresses so taken until the arrears be paid them.

In witness whereof the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover is affixed to the presents.

Given at Dover aforesaid the twentieth day of September in the fifth year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth.

XCVI.

xxj Novembris, anno 8 Hen. VIII.

In Rotulo Compotorum de Subsidiis.

JOHANNES PETYTE de Birchynghon, in Comitatu Kancie, et Willelmus Haneyoye, Collectores cujusdam Subsidiij vjd. de libra domino Regi nunc Henrico viij^{vo}, a laico anno regni sui vij^{mo} concessi, levand', et colligend' modo et fforma prout in quodam actu Parliamenti inde edito specificatis, de terris teneamenti bonis et catallis dominorum magnatum et Communitatum infra Parochias Sancti Johannis, Sancti Petri, et Birchynghon infra hundredum de Ryngeslowe, ac parochias de Walmer Dele et Kyngesdoun infra hundredum de Cormilo in Comitatu Kancie, Et ad Re[ceptam] hujus Scaccarii xxj^{mo} die Novembris anno viij^{vo} predicti domini Regis nunc solvend', sicut contentum, tam in una parte quarundam indenturarum per Johannes ffennex militem et alios Commissionarios domini Regis in hac parte, in comitatu predicto prefatis collectoribus inde directarum, quam per aliam partem earundem indenturarum per prefatos Commissionarios Thesaurario et Baronibus hujus Scaccarii testificatarum et liberatarum. Reddunt compotum de lxx. libris xvi. solidis, videlicet, de dicto subsidio, in parochiis et hundredis predictis, in thesaurum lxx. lb. xxd. in ij talliis, ac solum eciam eisdem collectoribus, tam pro ffeodo suo, quam pro ffeodo Commissionariorum et subcofferariorum, de rata vjd. de libra—xxxiv. s. iiijd., juxta fformam et effectum actus concessionis subsidii predicti.

Eciam quieti sunt.

XCVI.

21 November 1516.

In the Roll of the Accounts for the Subsidy.

JOHN PETIT, of Birchington, in the County of Kent, and William Haneyoye, collectors of a certain subsidy of 6*d.* in the pound granted by the laity to the present Lord King Henry VIII. in the seventh year of his reign, to be levied and collected in the mode and form specified in a certain Act of Parliament published on that behalf, from the lands, tenements, goods, and chattels of the lords, magnates, and commonalties with the parishes of S. John, S. Peter, and Birchington, within the hundred of Ringeslowe, and the parishes of Walmer, Deal, and Kingsdown, in the Hundred of Cormilo, in the County of Kent.

on the twenty-first day of November in the eighth year of the aforesaid present King, as is contained as well in one part of certain indentures directed by John Fennex, knight, and other commissioners of the Lord King on this behalf in the county aforesaid to the aforesaid collectors, as by another part of the same indentures witnessed and delivered by the aforesaid commissioners to the treasurer and barons of this exchequer. They return an account of £70, 16*s.*, to wit, for the said subsidy in the parishes and hundreds aforesaid into the treasury £69, 1*s.* 8*d.* in two tallies, and also paid to the said collectors, as well for their fee as for the fee of the commissioners and sub-cofferers, at the rate of 6*d.* in the pound, 34*sh.* 4*d.*, according to the form and effect of the Act granting the subsidy aforesaid.

And they are discharged

XCVII.

xxx Martii, 13 Hen. VIII.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me Rogerum Winter, clericum et presbiterum secularem de altaris Sanctorum Anthonii et Barbare, in ecclesia beatissime Virginis Marie infra villam Calesie, capellanum: unanimi ex consensu matris mee et mei assignasse fecisse deputasse locoque nostro posuisse et constituisse dilectos nobis in Cristo Nicholaum Cockes, et ffranciscum Stele, de villa Dovorre indigenas, ac unumquemque eorum, conjunctim et divisim, nostros veros et legitimos in hac parte attornatos, indubitatosque procuratores et factores ad exigend', levand', recipiend', et recuperand' pro nobis, nominibus quoque nostris, omnia bona mobilia catalla ac debita domino Johanni Recht, alias Fisssher, presbitero, dum vixit, spectantia sive pertinentia, et nobis, ratione obitus ejusque ex hoc seculo transmigrationis, descensa, ab omnibus et singulis personis ea habentibus, tenentibus, et custodientibus ac debentibus: Dantes et concedentes predictis attornatis nostris plenam et sufficientem auctoritatem potestatem et mandatum speciale, ratione et defectu deliberationis, restitutionis bonorum ac non solucionis denariorum per quamcumque personam seu personas dicto domino Johanni dum vixit debitorum et appertinentium, et ea restituere dictis attornatis impugnantes et contradicentes: omnes hujusmodi gentes si necesse fuerit arrestari faciend', incarcerand', et extra carcerem deliberand' atque implacitand' et proseguend' placita et prosecutiones versus eos, et omnes ac unumquemque pro nobis nominibus nostris sustinend' et sustentand', in quibuscumque curiis et coram quibuscumque Judicibus et Justiciariis quorum interest, adeo precise sicut lex exigit et requirit: et de receptis hujusmodi in hac parte acquietanciis pro nobis et nominibus nostris componend', sigilland' et deliberand': Omniaque alia et singula que in premissis et circa ea necessaria seu quomodo libet oportuna pro nobis et nominibus [nostris] faciend', exercend', exequend', et expediend', adeo plene et integre prout nos constituentes

XCVII.

30 March 1522.

Know all men that I, Roger Winter, clerk and secular priest and chaplain of the Altars of SS. Anthony and Barbara in the Church of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the town of Calais: with the unanimous consent of my mother and myself, have assigned, made, deputed, and in our place placed and constituted our beloved in Christ, Nicholas Cocks and Francis Stele, inhabitants of the town of Dover, and each one of them conjointly and severally our true and legitimate attorneys and undoubted procurators and factors on this behalf, for exacting, levying, receiving, and recovering for us, and in our names, all goods, moveables, chattels, and debts belonging and appertaining to Sir John Recht, *alias* Fisher, priest, whilst he lived, and to us descended by reason of his death and departure from this world, from all and singular persons having, holding, and guarding and owing them: giving and granting to our aforesaid attorneys full and sufficient authority, power, and special command, in case or default of delivery and restitution of goods and non-payment of money due and appertaining to the said Sir John whilst he lived, by any person or persons whatsoever, and resisting and refusing to restore them to the said attorneys, for causing all men of this sort to be arrested, if it shall be necessary, and for imprisoning and delivering from prison and impleading and prosecuting pleas and prosecutions against them, and for us, in our names, sustaining and supporting all and any such in any court and before any judge or justiciar it may seem good to them as strictly as the law requires and demands: and for making, sealing, and delivering acquittances for us, and in our names, for receipts of this sort on this behalf: and for doing, exercising, executing, and expediting all other and singular things which in the premises and concerning them be necessary and in any way opportune, for us and in our names as fully and wholly as we

faceremus, facere ve possemus si presentes personaliter interesse-
mus, Ratum habiturum et gratum firmum et stabile
totum et quicquid predicti attornati nostri pro nobis et
nominibus nostris fecerint in premissis.

In quorum omnium et testimonium sigilla nostra pre-
sentibus appensa sunt.

Data tricesimo die mensis Martii anno regni Regis
Henrici, octavi post conquestum Anglie, decimo tercio.

who constitute them would do or might be able to do if we had been personally present : to hold, ratified and gratified, firm and stable, everything and anything the aforesaid our attorneys shall do in the premises for us and in our names.

In witness of all which our seals are affixed to the presents.

Given on the thirtieth day of the month of March in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Henry, the eighth of England after the conquest.

XCVIII.

xx Octobris, 16 Hen. VIII.

HEC indentura, facta vicesimo die Octobris anno regni Regis Henrici octavi sexto decimo testatur, quod Johannes Broke, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, ac Ricardus Marshalle, Radulphus Buffkyn, Thomas Middleton, Kenelmus Colley, Custodes ejusdem ville, per assensum et concensum totius Communitatis ville predictæ concesserunt dimiserunt et tradiderunt Willelmo Grawnger, unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis situatum et existentem infra libertatem Dovorre predictæ in Bouremanwarde, videlicet, capitand' ex una parte ad regiam viam ducentem supra murum ville, vocatum above walle versus southeast, laterand' ad murum ville versus southwest, capitand' ex alia parte ad terram Thome Lybeas, jure uxoris sue, versus northwest, et laterand' juxta venellam, vocatam Bowreman lane, versus northeast: habend' et tenend' predictum mesuagium cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Willelmo Grawnger, heredibus et assignatis, suis imperpetuum: reddend' inde annuatim prefatis Majori et Communitati, et eorum successoribus imperpetuum, unum annualem redditum duorum solidorum et octo denariorum in festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis: ac faciend' inde servitium domini nostri Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum acciderit: et si contingat dictum annualem redditum duorum solidorum et octo denariorum aretro fore non solutum in parte vel in toto per viginti unum dies proximos sequentes post aliquod festum quo solvi debeat, vel quod contingat dictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis competenti et sufficienti reparacione de tempore in tempus carere, quod tunc bene licitum erit Majori et Communitati ville predictæ et successoribus suis in predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis ad reintrand', et illud ut in pristino statu suo rehabere gaudere et possidere hac presenti concessione et dimissione in aliquo non obstante.

XCVIII.

20 October 1524.

THIS indenture, made on the twentieth day of October in the sixteenth year of the reign of King Henry the Eighth, witnesseth, that John Broke, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, and Richard Marshall, Ralph Buffkyn, Thomas Middleton, Kenelm Colley, Chamberlains of the said town, by the assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the town aforesaid, have granted, demised, and delivered to William Graunger, a messuage with [its] appurtenances situated and being within the Liberty of Dover aforesaid, in Boureman Ward, to wit, abutting on one side on the King's highway leading above the Town Wall called "Above Wall" to the south-east, alongside the Town Wall to the south-west, abutting on the other side on the land of Thomas Libeas, in right of his wife, to the north-west, and alongside the lane called "Boureman Lane" to the north-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid messuage with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid William Graunger, his heirs and assigns, for ever: on paying annually to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their successors for ever, an annual rent of 2*sh.* 8*d.* on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and doing therefor the service of the Lord King when it shall befall according to the custom of the port aforesaid: and if it happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 2*sh.* 8*d.* be in arrear unpaid, in part or in whole, for the twenty-one days next ensuing after any feast on which it should be paid, or if it happen that the said messuage with [its] appurtenances be without competent and sufficient repair from time to time, that then it shall be fully lawful for the Mayor and Commonalty of the town aforesaid, and their successors, to re-enter the aforesaid messuage with appurtenances, and to re-have, enjoy, and possess it in its pristine estate, this present grant and demission in any way notwithstanding.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum officii majoratus portus predicti quam sigillum predicti Willelmi Grawnger hiis presentibus indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data apud Dovorram predictam, die et anno predictis.

In dorso: William Graunger, modo Thomas fynnett, Jurate.

In witness whereof as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of the port aforesaid, as of the aforesaid William Graunger, to these present indentures are alternately set.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the day and year aforesaid.

On the back : " William Graunger, now Thomas Fynnett, Jurat."

XCIX.

ix Octobris, 26 Hen. VIII.

HENRICUS Octavus dei gracia Anglie et ffrancie Rex, fidei defensor, et Dominus Hibernie, Predilecto et fideli consiliario suo Georgio, domino Rocheford, Constabulario Castri Dovorre, ac Custodi quinque Portuum suorum, Dilectisque et fidelibus suis Johanni Hales, uni Baronum de scaccario suo, et Cristofero Hales, Generali Attornato suo, ac dilectis suis Johanni Paynter, Thome Vaughan, Roberto Nethersole, Johanni Elam, Ricardo Combye, Edwardo Maye, Johanni Bowle, et Radulpho Bufkyn—Salutem. Sciatis quod nos de fidelitatibus et providis circumspectionibus vestris plenius confidentes assignavimus vos, ac tenore presencium, damus vobis, et duobus vestrum, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem capiend' et recipiend' sacramenta et fidelitates omnium et singulorum ligeorum et subditorum nostrorum quorumcumque tam spiritualium quam temporalium, inhabitantium et residentium infra Villam et Portum de Dovorra, et membra ejusdem, que sunt de libertate quinque portuum, cujuscumque gradus status seu condicionis fuerint, juxta vim formam et effectum cujusdam statuti in presenti Parlamento nostro ad securitatem, statum, et successionem nostras conservend' editi ac provisi, ac juxta tenorem sacramenti presentibus annexi; et cum eadem sacramenta sic reperitis, nos de nominibus eorum hujusmodi sacramenta coram vobis prestabunt in cancellariam nostram sub sigillis vestris, vel duorum vestrum, sine dilatione reddatis certiores: remittentes nobis has litteras nostras patentes: et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa diligenter intendatis ac ea faciatis et exequamini cum effectum.

XCIX.

9 October 1534.

HENRY the Eighth, by the grace of God King of England and France, Defender of the Faith, and Lord of Ireland, to his well-beloved and faithful councillor George, Lord Rochford, Constable of Dover Castle, and Warden of his Cinque Ports, and his beloved and faithful John Hales, one of the Barons of his Exchequer, and Christopher Hales, his Attorney-General, and his beloved John Painter, Thomas Vaughan, Robert Nethersole, John Elam, Richard Combie, Edward Maye, John Bowle, and Ralph Buffkyn—Greeting. Know that we, fully trusting in your fealty and careful prudence, have appointed you and, by the tenor of the presents, give you, and any two of you, full power and authority for taking and receiving the oaths and fealties of all and singular our lieges and subjects whatsoever, as well spiritual as temporal, dwelling and residing within the Town and Port of Dover, and its Limbs, which belong to the Liberty of the Cinque Ports, of whatsoever rank, estate, or condition they may be, according to the force, form, and effect of a certain statute published and provided in our present Parliament for preserving our security, estate, and succession, and according to the tenor of the oath annexed to the presents : and when you shall have so taken these oaths, you will make a sure return unto us of the names of those who shall take the oaths of this sort before you to our chancellery under your seals, or any two of you, without delay, sending back these our letters patent, and we therefore command you that you be diligent in performing the premises, and do and carry them out with effect.

In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium ix. die Octobris anno regni nostri vicesimo sexto.

(Pexsall).

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The following oath is attached on a separate sheet of parchment :—

YE shall swere to bere faith, truth, and obediens alonely to the Kynges Majeste, and to his heyres of his body, of his most dere and intierly beloved lawfull wyff, Queene Anne begoten, and to be begoten, and further to the heyres of our said sovereign lorde accordyng to the lymytacoun in the statute made for suertie of his succession in the crowne of the Realme mencioned and conteyned, and not to eny other within this Realme, nor foren auctorite or potentate, and in case othe be made or hath be made by you to eny other person or persons that then you to repute the same as vayne and adnichilate, and that to your connyng wytt and uttermost of your power without gile fraude or other ondue niectrie, ye shall observe, kepe, maynten, and defende the said act of succession, and all the hoole effectes and contentes thereof, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmation or for due execucion of the same, or of eny thyng therein conteyned, and this ye shall doo ageynst almaner of persons of what estate, dignity, degree or condicion soever they be, and in no wise do or attempte, nor to your power suffer to be don or attemptyd, directly or indirectly, eny thyng or thynges prevely or apertly to the lett, hynderaunce, damage, or derogacion thereof, or of eny part of the same, by eny maner of meanes, or for eny maner of pretens : Soo helpe you God, all Seyntes, and the holy Euaungelystes.

A large portion of the Seal remains.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster the ninth day of October in the twenty-sixth year of our reign.

C.

xx Julii, 32 Hen. VIII.

PRESENS indentura testatur, quod Johannes Bowles, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, Johannes Goodale, Thomas Petre, Thomas Smyth, et Willelmus Loom, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et concensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Johanni Elam de Dovorra, Jurato, quandam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in Seintemaryward, capitand' ad terram nuper Thome ffyneux versus southwest et northest, terram Radulphi Buskyn versus est, et communem venellam ducentem de porta et muris dicte ville Dovorre usque ad Priore Lane versus north: HABEND' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Elam, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum: ffaciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum acciderit: et reddend' inde annuatim Majori et custodibus ejusdem ville qui pro tempore fuerint in festo Nativitatis beate Marie Virginis quatuor denarios sterlingorum annualis redditus: et predicti Major et Custodes ac Communitas dicte ville et eorum successores eandem placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Elam, heredibus et assignatis suis, in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warantizabunt imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis indenturis tam sigillum officii Majoratus Dovorre predictae quam sigillum predicti Johannis Elam alternatim sunt appensa.

Data apud Dovorram predictam, vicesimo die Julii, anno regni Regis Henrici octavi tricesimo secundo.

C.

20 July 1540.

THE present indenture witnesseth that John Bowles, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, John Goodall, Thomas Petre, Thomas Smith, and William Looe, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee firm have demised to John Elam, of Dover, Jurat, a certain plot of land with its appurtenances lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover, in Saint Mary's Ward, abutting on the land lately Thomas Fyneux's to the south-west and north-east, the land of Ralph Bufkin to the east, and the common lane leading from the gate and walls of the said town to Priory Lane to the north : to have and to hold the said plot of land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Elam, his heirs and assigns, for ever : on doing therefor the service of the Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid when it may befall : and on paying annually to the Mayor and Wardens of the said town for the time being, on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 4*d.* sterling of annual rent : and the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains and Commonalty of the said town, and their successors, will warrant the said plot of land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Elam, his heirs and assigns, in the form aforesaid against all men for ever.

In witness whereof as well the seal of the office of the Mayoralty of Dover as the seal of the aforesaid John Elam are alternately affixed to these indentures.

Given at Dover aforesaid, the twentieth day of July in the thirty-second year of the reign of King Henry VIII.

*In dorso : Elham ffor Turne-agayne lane, 4*d.**

C I.

xxiiij Junii, 34 Hen. VIII.

PRESENTS indentura testatur quod Thomas ffoxley, Major ville ac Portus Dovorre, Johannes Tayler, Robertus Geiles, Johannes Owen, et Ricardus Cooke, Custodes dicte ville unanimi assensu et concensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville, tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Roberto Upton quendam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis jacentem infra libertatem Portus Dovorre in [left blank] warde, inter Regiam stratam versus northwest, terram dicti Roberti Upton, quondam Ricardi Couche, ex jure uxoris ejus, versus south southeast et west southwest, et terram Domus Dei Dovorre northeast: HABEND' et tenend' predictam placeam terre cum suis p[ertinenciis] prefato Roberto Upton, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum: faciend' inde servitium domini Regis secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum acciderit: e[st red]dend' inde annuatim Majori et Custodibus ejusdem ville qui pro tempore fuerint in ffesto Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste quatuor [denarios] sterlingorum annualis redditus: et si dicti quatuor denarii annualis redditus aretro fore contigerint in parte vel in toto aliquo anno [post] predictum festum per unum quarterium anni quod extunc licitum erit predictis Majori et Custodibus ac eorum successoribus Majoribus et Custodibus [d]icte ville qui pro tempore fuerint in predictam placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus imposterum evenerit, pro et nomine Communitatis reintrare et illam ad opus eorundem rehabere et pacifice possidere imperpetuum, hac indentura quovismodo non obstante: et nos predicti Major et Custodes ac Communitas dicte ville et eorum successores eandem placeam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Roberto Upton, heredibus et assignatis suis, in forma predicta contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum.

23 June 1542.

THE present indenture witnesseth that Thomas Foxley, Mayor of Town and Port of Dover, John Tayler, Robert Geiles, John Owen, and Richard Cooke, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee firm demised to Robert Upton, a certain plot of land, with its appurtenances, lying within the Liberty of the Port of Dover in Ward, between the King's highway to the north-west, the land of the said Robert Upton, formerly Richard Couche's by right of his wife, to the south-south-east and west-south-west, and the land of the *Domus Dei* of Dover north-east : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Robert Upton, his heirs and assigns for ever : on doing therefor the service of the Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid when it shall befall : and on paying therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, at the Feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, 4[d.] sterling of annual rent : and if the said 4d. of annual rent shall happen to be in arrear, in part or in whole, in any year after the aforesaid feast, for one quarter of a year, that then it shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains, and their successors, the Mayors and Wardens of the said town for the time being, in and for the name of the Commonalty, to re-enter the aforesaid plot of land, with its appurtenances, into whosoever hands it shall afterwards have come, and to re-have it for their use, and peaceably possess it for ever, this indenture in any way notwithstanding : and we, the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains and Commonalty of the said town, and their successors, will warrant the said plot of land, with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Robert Upton, his heirs and assigns, in the form aforesaid, against all men for ever.

In cujus rei testimonium hiis indenturis tam sigillum commune ville et portus Dovorre predicte quam sigillum predicti Roberti Upton alternatim sunt appensa.

Data apud Dovorram predictam vicesimo tercio die mensis Junii, anno Regni domini Henrici octavi dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie, Regis, fidei defensoris ac in terra sub Christo * supremum caput Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice, tricesimo quarto.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, as the seal of the aforesaid Robert Upton, are alternately affixed to these indentures.

Given at Dover aforesaid on the twenty-third day of the month of June, in the thirty-fourth year of the reign of the Lord Henry VIII., by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth under Christ Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

In dorso : John Marboll.

CII.

iij Novembris, 35 Hen. VIII.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos Johannes Elam, Major ville et Portus Dovorre, Thomas Myddleton, Thomas Peter, Thomas Alen, et Henricus Harwoode, Custodes ville et portus predicti, ex unanimi assensu et concensu tocius Communitatis ville et portus predicti, dedimus concessimus et, hac presenti carta nostra indentata, confirmavimus Edmundo Mody, generoso, ballivo ville et portus predicti, unam vacuum peciam terre cum pertinenciis jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus predicti in Werstonwarde, abuttantem super terram Clementi Gregorye ex partibus orientali et boriali, et super communem viam ex partibus occidentali et australi, que quidem vacua pecia terre nuper contigit ville et portui predicto per non faciend' servitium Domino nostro Regi secundum consuetudinem portus predicti : habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum peciam terre cum pertinenciis prefato Edmundo Mody, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum : faciend' inde servitium domino nostro Regi secundum consuetudinem portus predicti cum acciderit : reddend' etiam annuatim prefatis Majori et Custodibus ville et portus predicti et successoribus ad usum ville et portus predicti octo denarios sterlingorum ad festum Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis annuatim solvend' : et si contingat dictum annualem redditum octo denariorum aretro fore in parte vel in toto post festum predictum quo, ut prefertur, solvi debeat non solum per quarterium unius anni, quod extunc bene licebit prefatis Majori et Custodibus ville et portus predicti et successoribus suis in predictam vacuum peciam terre cum pertinenciis suis reintrare et in pristino statu rehabere et possidere, hac presenti carta indentata et seisina super eandem deliberata in contrarium aliquo modo non obstante : et nos vero prefati Major et Custodes et successores nostri predictam vacuum peciam

CII.

3 November 1543.

KNOW all present and future that we, John Elam, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, Thomas Middleton, Thomas Peter, Thomas Allen, and Henry Harwood, Chamberlains of the town and port aforesaid, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the town and port aforesaid, have given, granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed to Edmund Mody, gentleman, Bailiff of the town and port aforesaid, a vacant plot of land, with appurtenances, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port aforesaid in Werston Ward, abutting upon the land of Clement Gregorie on the eastern and northern sides, and upon the common lane to the west and south, which vacant plot of land indeed recently fell in to the town and port aforesaid by the non-performance of the service to our Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid : to have and to hold the aforesaid vacant plot of land, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid Edmund Mody, his heirs and assigns, for ever : he doing therefor the service for our Lord King according to the custom of the port aforesaid when it shall befall : and paying annually to the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains of the town and port aforesaid, and to their successors for the use of the town and port aforesaid, 8*d.* sterling, to be paid annually at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary : and if it happen that the said annual rent of 8*d.* be in arrear, in part or in whole, after the feast aforesaid, on which, as is aforesaid, it ought to be paid, unpaid for a quarter of a year, that then it shall be fully lawful for the aforesaid Mayor and Wardens of the town and port aforesaid, and their successors, to re-enter the aforesaid plot of land, with its appurtenances, and to re-have it in its pristine estate and to possess it, this present indented charter, and seisin delivered thereon, to the contrary in no way notwithstanding : and we, the aforesaid Mayor and Chamberlains, and our successors, will

terre cum pertinenciis prefato Edmundo Mody, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus presentis carte indentate penes prefatum Edmundum Mody remanenti, commune sigillum ville et portus predicti est appensum, alteri vero parti penes nos prefatos Majorem, Custodes, et successores remanenti, prefatus Edmundus Mody sigillum suum apposuit.

Data tercio die Novembris anno regni domini Henrici octavi dei gracia Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie Regis, fidei defensoris, et in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi capitis, tricesimo quinto.

In dorso : Modo Thomas Reade, modo Georgius West.

warrant, and for ever defend by the presents, the aforesaid vacant plot of land, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid Edmund Mody, his heirs and assigns, against all men.

In witness whereof to one part of this present indented charter remaining with the aforesaid Edmund Mody, the common seal of the town and port aforesaid is affixed, whilst to the other part remaining with us, the aforesaid Mayor, Chamberlains, and [our] successors, the aforesaid Edmund Mody has affixed his seal.

Given on the third day of November in the thirty-fifth year of the reign of the Lord Henry VIII., by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

In dorso : "now Thomas Reade, now George West."

A red Seal with I.H.S. and a cross.

CIII.

xxj Aprilis, 37 Hen. VIII.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Johannes Mascall, de Chart, juxta Sutton Valance, in Comitatu Kancie, husbandman, unus filiorum Roberti Mascall, defuncti—Salutem in domino. Sciatis me prefatum Johannem vendidisse, concecisse, dedisse, et per hoc presens scriptum meum pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum confirmasse Thome ffrankeleyne, et heredibus suis imperpetuum, unum annualem redditum decem solidorum sterlingorum annuatim exeuntem de et in duabus peciis terre cum pertinenciis suis, vocatis Warnereland, jacentibus et existentibus in Parochia de Boughton Monchesey, in comitatu predicto, videlicet, ad regiam stratam ibidem versus est, ad terram Simonis Smythe, vocatam Halbrokland, versus southe et west, et ad terram Walteri Mascall, vocatam Claxhams, versus west et northe : habend' et percipiend' et levand' predictum annualem redditum decem solidorum prefato Thome ffrankeleyn, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Michaelis Archiangeli et Annunciationis beate Marie Virginis equis porcionibus annuatim solvend' imperpetuum : Et si contingat dictum annualem redditum decem solidorum aretro fore non solutum in parte vel in toto post aliquod festum festorum quo solvi deberet, quod tunc et tociens bene licebit prefato Thome ffrankeleyn, heredibus et assignatis suis, in predictas duas pecias terre cum pertinenciis, et in quamlibet inde parcellam, intrare et distringere, districciones que sic ibidem captas et habitas licite ab inde abducere effugare et asportare et eos detinere quousque tam de eodem annuali redditu decem solidorum et arreragia ejusdem, ac cujuslibet inde parcelle, quam de expensis et dampnis ea occasione habitis et sustentis prefato Thome ffrankeleyn heredibus aut assignatis suis plenarie fuerit solutum et satisfactum : Et ut hec mea donacio et concessio stabiles et firme sint ac capiantur effectum ego predictus

CIII.

21 April 1546.

To all Christ's lieges to whom the present deed shall come John Mascall, of Chart, near Sutton Valance, in the County of Kent, husbandman, one of the sons of Robert Mascall deceased—Greeting in the Lord. Know that I, the aforesaid John, have sold, given, granted, and by this my present deed for me and my heirs, have for ever confirmed to Thomas Franklin and his heirs for ever an annual rent of ten shillings sterling, annually arising from and in two plots of ground with their appurtenances, called Warnersland, lying and being in the parish of Boughton Monchelsea, in the county aforesaid, to wit, next the King's highway there to the east, next the land of Simon Smith, called Halbbrookland, to the south and west, and next the land of Walter Mascall, called Claxhams, to the west and north: to have and to receive and levy the aforesaid annual rent of ten shillings to the aforesaid Thomas Franklin, his heirs and assigns for ever, to be paid annually at two terms of the year, to wit, at the Feasts of S. Michael the Archangel and the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in equal portions for ever: and if it happen that the said annual rent of 10*s*. be in arrear unpaid in part or in whole after any feast of the feasts on which it should be paid, that then so often it shall be lawful for the aforesaid Thomas Franklin, his heirs and assigns, to enter and distrain on the two plots of land aforesaid with appurtenances, and on any parcel of them, and the distraints so taken and had, lawfully therefrom to lead away, drive off, and carry off, and to detain them until, as well for the said annual rent and its arrears, or any parcel of it, as for the damage and expense had and sustained on that account, be fully paid and satisfied to the aforesaid Thomas Franklin, his heirs or assigns: and in order that this my gift and grant may be firm and stable

Johannes Mascall posui predictum Thomam ffrankeleyn in plenam possessionem et seisinam annualis redditus superscripti per solucionem et deliberacionem duorum denariorum argenti.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui.

Datum vicesimo primo die Aprilis anno regni domini Regis Henrici octavi, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regis, Defensoris fidei, ac in terra Anglicane et Hibernice Ecclesie Supremi Capitis, tricesimo septimo.

Wytnes : Stephyn ffrankeleyn, Stephyn Mascall, John Pett of ffretynden, and others.

and take effect, I, the aforesaid John Mascall, have put the aforesaid Thomas Franklin in full possession and seisin of the annual rent above written by paying and delivering two pence silver.

It witness whereof I have set my seal to this my present deed.

Given on the twenty-first day of April in the thirty-seventh year of the reign of King Henry VIII., etc.

Wytnes: Stephy Franklin, Stephen Mascall, John Pett of Fretinden, and others.

CIV.

xxx Octobris, anno 2 Edw. VI.

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit, Thomas Moyle, miles — Salutem in domino. Noveriti : me prefatum Thomam, tam pro certa pecunie summa mihi per Johannem Deringe, armigerum, in manibus meis soluta, quam pro diversis aliis consideracionibus me moventibus, dedisse, concessisse, barganizasse, et hoc presenti scripto meo, vendidisse atque confirmasse eidem Johanni Deringe, omnia illa terras et tenementa mea redditus reversiones et servicia cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, que quondam fuerunt Marie Patvyn, et postea cujusdam Thome Petyt, nuper de Dovor, defuncti, et que ego, prefatus Thomas, conjunctim cum Ricardo Deringe, armigero, jam defuncto, habui ex dono et concessione cujusdam Martini ffoulke in villa de Dovor et libertatibus ejusdem, necnon in parochiis de Mongeham et Hougham, in Comitatu Kancie, seu alibi quocumque in eodem comitatu : HABEND' et tenend' omnia et singula predicta terras et tenementa redditus reversiones et servicia ac cetera premissa cum pertinenciis prefato Johanni Deringe, heredibus et assignatis suis, ad usum perpetuum ejusdem Johannis heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde ante debita et de jure consueta : Et ego, prefatus Thomas, et heredes mei omnia predicta terras et tenementa ac cetera premissa cum pertinenciis prefato Johanni, heredibus et assignatis suis, contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. NOVERITIS ECIAM me prefatum Thomam Moyle, militem, fecisse ordinasse et in loco meo posuisse dilectos mihi in Christo Christopherum Rasshford et Stephanum Gyles, meos veros et legitimos attornatus ad intrand', vice mea, et nomine meo, in omnia et singula premissa cum pertinenciis, ad possessionem inde capiend', et post hujusmodi possessionem et seisinam sic per ipsos, vel alterum eorum, inde captam et habitam, deinde pro me, vice mea, et nomine meo, ad

CIV.

30 October 1548.

THOMAS MOYLE, knight, to all Christ's lieges to whom the present deed shall come—Greeting in the Lord. Know that I, the aforesaid Thomas, as well for a certain sum of money paid into my hands by John Dering, esquire, as for various other considerations moving me, have given, granted, bargained, and by my present deed have sold and confirmed to the said John Dering all those my lands and tenements, rents and reversions and services, with all their appurtenances, which formerly were Mary Patvin's, and afterwards belonged to a certain Thomas Petit, recently of Dover, deceased, and which I, the aforesaid Thomas, conjointly with Richard Dering, esquire, now deceased, had by the gift and grant of a certain Martin Foulke, in the town of Dover, and the Liberty of the same, and also in the parishes of Mongeham and Hougham, in the county of Kent, or anywhere else in the said county : to have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid lands and tenements, rents, reversions, and services, and other the premises, with appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Dering, his heirs and assigns, for the perpetual use of the said John, his heirs and assigns for ever, from the capital lords of that fee for the services thereof formerly due and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid Thomas, and my heirs will warrant and for ever defend by the presents all the aforesaid lands and tenements and the other premises with appurtenances to the aforesaid John, his heirs and assigns, against all men. Know also that I, the aforesaid Thomas Moile, knight, have made, ordained, and placed in my stead my beloved in Christ, Christopher Rasshford and Stephen Giles, as my true and legitimate attorneys for entering in my stead and in my name on all and singular the premises, with their appurtenances, to take possession thereof, and after possession and seisin of this sort had and taken by them, or either of them, then for me and in my name to deliver to the aforesaid

deliberand' prefato Johanni Deringe, sive ejus in hac parte attornato, plenam et pacificam possessionem seisinam de et in omnibus et singulis predictis terris et tenementis ac ceteris premissis cum pertinenciis juxta et secundum tenorem vim et effectum hujus presentis donacionis sive charte mee ei inde confecte : Ratum et gratum habentem et habiturum totum et quicquid dicti attornati mei fecerint, seu alter eorum fecerit, in premissis inde plene et integre prout ego prefatus Thomas Moyle ibidem personalis interesssem.

In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui.

Datum penultimo die mensis Octobris anno regni domini nostri Edwardi Sexti dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regis, fidei Defensoris, et in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis, secundo.

In dorso : Sigillatum et deliberatum presens scriptum in presentia Edmundi Tynte, Robert Colvelle, et Rollandi Lewick [?], cum aliis.

John Dering, or his attorney on this behalf, full and peaceful possession and seisin of and in all and singular the aforesaid lands and tenements and other the premises with appurtenances, by and according to the tenor, force, and effect of this my present donation or charter made for him on that behalf, holding, and in future to hold, fully and entirely, ratified and gratified, all and anything which the said my attorneys shall do, or either of them shall do, in the premises on that behalf, as if I, the said Thomas Moile, were personally present there.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to this my present deed.

Given on the penultimate day of the month of October in the second year of the reign of our Lord Edward VI., by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

On the back : The present deed was sealed and delivered in the presence of Edmund Tynte, Robert Colville, and Roland Lewick [?], with others.

Red seal—demi-knight in armour, couped—plumed helm.

CV.

xx Novembris, 5 Edw. VI.

Hec indentura facta vicesimo die mensis Novembris anno Regni Domini Edwardi sexti, Dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regis, fidei defensoris ac in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis, quinto, testatur, quod Robertus Justice, Major ville et portus Dovorre, et Johannes Harise, Johannes Hughson, Willelmus Unthanke, et Willelmus Beynge, Custodes ejusdem ville, per assensum et consensum tocius Communitatis ville predicte concesserunt dimiserunt et ad feodi firmam tradiderunt Thome ffynet, * unum Juratorum ville predicte, unum mesuagium cum pertinenciis scituatum et existentem infra libertatem Dovorre predicte in Burmanward, videlicet, capitand' ex una parte ad Regiam viam ducentem supra murum ville predicte, vocatum Above Walle, versus southeast, laterand' ad murum dicte ville versus southewest, capitand' ex altera parte ad * terre nuper Thome Libeas, jure uxoris sue, modo in manus Domini Regis, versus northeweste, et laterand' juxta venellam vocatam Burman Lane versus northeast : habend' et tenend' predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Thome ffynnett, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangelli ultimo preterito ante datum presentis usque ad finem termini septuaginta annorum extunc proximorum futurorum sequend' et plenarie completorum : ffaciend inde servitium domino nostro regi cum acciderit secundum consuetudinem ville et portus predicti : ac etiam redend' inde annuatim prefatis Majori et Communitati et eorum successoribus, unum annualem redditum tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum bone et legalis monete Anglie in Festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis solvend' annuatim : et si contingat dictum annualem redditum tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum aretro fore non solutum, in parte vel in toto, per quindecim dies proximos sequend' post festum predictum * quos solvi debeat, vell quod contingat et dictum messuagium cum pertinenciis

C V.

20 November 1551.

THIS indenture made on the twentieth day of the month of November, in the fifth year of the reign of the Lord Edward VI., by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church, witnesseth, that Robert Justice, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, and John Harris, John Hughson, William Unthank, and William Beinge, Chamberlains of the said town, by the assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the town aforesaid, have granted and demised, and at fee firm have delivered to Thomas Finnett, one of the Jurats of the town aforesaid, a messuage with appurtenances, situated and being within the Liberty of Dover aforesaid in Burman Ward, to wit, abutting on one side on the King's road leading above the wall of the town aforesaid, called "Above Wall," to the south-east, bordering the said town wall to the south-west, abutting on another side on the lands lately Thomas Libeas', by right of his wife, and now in the hands of the Lord King to the north-west, and bordering on the lane called Burman Lane to the north-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid tenement, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Finnett, his heirs and assigns, from the Feast of S. Michael, the Archangel, last past, before the date of the present to the end of the term of seventy years next following and fully complete: on doing therefor the service to our Lord King when it shall befall, according to the custom of the town and port aforesaid: and also on paying therefor annually to the aforesaid Mayor and Commonalty, and their successors, an annual rent of 13*sh.* 4*d.* sterling of good and legal English money on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary to be paid annually: and if it happen that the said annual rent of 13*sh.* 4*d.* be in arrear unpaid, in part or in whole, for the fifteen days next following after the feast aforesaid on which it should be

competenti et sufficienti reparacione de tempore in tempus careret, quod tunc bene licebit et licitum erit Majori et Communitati ville predicte et successoribus suis in predictum mesuagium cum pertinenciis, reintrare et illud ut in pristino statu suo rehabere gaudere et possidere, ac presenti concessione et dimissione in aliquo non obstante.

IN CUJUS rei testimonium tam sigillum commune ville predicti quam sigillum predicti Thome ffynnett hiis indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Data apud Dovorram predictam in Commune Halla ibidem, die et anno supradictis.

paid, or that it happens that the said messuage, with appurtenances, be without competent and sufficient repair from time to time, that then it will be and shall be fully lawful for the Mayor and Commonalty of the said town, and their successors, to re-enter the aforesaid messuage with appurtenances, and to re-have, enjoy, and possess it as in its pristine estate, the present grant and demission in any way notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid Thomas Finnett are alternately affixed to these indentures.

Given at Dover aforesaid in the Common Hall there, on the day and year above said.

In dorso : Present in sealyng and delyveryng of thes presentes—Thomas Portwaye, bayllyffye ; Thomas Darwxe ; Robart Lome, sargaunt ; Roger Wood, towne clerke of Dover ; John Cook, rent p. ann. 13s. 4d.

Red Seal, W. I.

C VI.

xx Julii, 6 Edw. VI.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Ricardus Collard, dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea indentata confirmavi Henrico Jekyn, et Johanni Jolle, unum mesuagium unum pomarium et novem acras et dimidiam acram terre et bosci, unde dictum mesuagium pomarium et due acra terre sive minus sive minus (!) cum pertinenciis jacent et existunt in parochia de Swynfeld, in Comitatu Kancie, apud quoddam locum vulgariter nuncupatum Everyng, ad regiam stratam ibidem versus south, et predictae septem acre et dimidia acra terre et bosci conjunctim jacent in tribus peciis sive parcellis in parochia de Alkham, in comitatu predicto, quarum una pecia continens quatuor acras terre, vocata Massyngham, altera pecia bosci, continens unam acram et dimidiam acram bosci, vocata Ghoshet, et tertia pecia continens duas acras terre et adjacet ad predictam acram et dimidiam acram bosci, et nuper perquisita fuit de Johanne Colley : habend' et tenend' tam predicta mesuagium, pomarium, et duos acres terre cum pertinenciis in parochia de Swynfeld predicta, quam predictas septem acras et dimidiam acram terre et bosci in parochia de Alkham predicta, prefatis Henrico Jekyn, et Johanne Jolle, et heredibus suis imperpetuum, ad usum mei predicti Ricardi Collard, pro termino vite mee predicti Ricardi absque impetitione vasti, et post decessum mei predicti Ricardi ad usum cujusdam Danielis Collard, filii mei, et heredum suorum imperpetuum de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde prius debita et de jure consueta : Et ego, predictus Ricardus Collard, et heredes mei, predictum mesuagium, pomarium, et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis prefatis Henrico Jekyn, et Johanni Jolle, et heredibus suis, ad usum predictum contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium utrique parti hujus presentis carte mee indentate sigillum meum apposui.

C VI.

20 July 1552.

Know all present and future that I, Richard Collard, have given, granted, and by this my present indented charter have confirmed to Henry Jekyn, and John Jolle, a messuage, a fruit garden, and nine acres and a half of land and wood, of which the said messuage, fruit garden, and two acres of land more or less, with appurtenances, lie and are in the parish of Swinefield, in the county of Kent, at a certain place commonly called Evering, on the King's highway there to the south, and the aforesaid seven acres and a half of land and wood together lie in three plots or parcels in the parish of Alkham, in the county aforesaid, of which one plot, containing four acres of ground, is called Massingham, another plot of wood, containing one acre and a half of wood, is called Ghoshet, and a third plot, containing two acres of land, and adjoins to the aforesaid acre and a half of wood, and was recently acquired from John Colley : to have and to hold as well the aforesaid messuage, fruit garden, and two acres of land with appurtenances in the parish of Swinefield aforesaid, as the aforesaid seven acres and a half of land and wood in the parish of Alkham aforesaid, to the aforesaid Henry Jekyn, and John Jolle, and their heirs for ever, for the use of me, Richard Collard aforesaid, for the term of the life of me, the aforesaid Richard, without impeachment of waste, and after the decease of me, the aforesaid Richard, for the use of a certain Daniel Collard, my son, and his heirs for ever, from the capital lords of that fee by the service therefor formerly owed and by right accustomed : and I, the aforesaid Richard Collard, and my heirs, will warrant the aforesaid messuage, fruit garden, and other the premises with appurtenances to the aforesaid Henry Jekyn, and John Jolle, and their heirs, to the use aforesaid against all men by the presents for ever.

In witness whereof I have affixed my seal to either part of this my present indented charter.

Data vicesimo die Julii anno regni domini Edwardi sexti, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie, regis fidei Defensoris et in terra Ecclesie Anglicane, et Hibernice, supremi capitis sexto.

Given on the twentieth day of July in the sixth year of the reign of the Lord Edward VI., by the grace of God King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

In dorso: Wytnes at thys sayt delyveryng Wylliam Ovenys: John Scot—, vicar off Alkham; Wylliam Nedersalt; Nycholas Lade.

CVII.

xxj Martii, 7 Edw. VI.

THOMAS Cheyne, prenobilis ordinis garter miles, consiliarius domini regis, ac thesaurarius hospicii sui, necnon constabularius ejusdem domini regis Castri sui Dovorre, custos cancellarius ac admirallus quinque portuum suorum et membrorum eorundem; Majori et Juratis villa et portus Dovorre—Salutem. Vobis mandamus et auctoritate officii nostri predicti firmiter injungentes precipimus, quod audita querela Ricardi Brownynge, de predictis ville et portus, tailour, querentis, et Dawid Pirry, custodis gaole domini regis extra muros civitatis Cantuarie, defendentis, in placito debiti in curia dicti domini regis coram vobis prefatis Majore et Juratis ville et portus predicti pendente, vocatis coram vobis partibus predictis, auditisque hinc inde eorum rationibus, prefato David Pirry plenum justicii complementum prout in tali casu secundum legem et consuetudinem curie dicti domini regis ville et portus predicti approbatum fuerit, faciend', ne clamor inde ad nos perveniet iteratus, mandato nostro vobis propriis incontrarium directo non obstante, et hoc sub pena et periculo incumbente nullatenus omittatis.

Data apud Castrum predictum sub sigillo officii nostri ibidem xxi^o die Marcii anno regni domini Edwardi sexti, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie regis, fidei Defensoris, ac in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis, septimo.

(J. Beverley).

Remains of the Constable's Seal.

CVII.

21 March 1553.

THOMAS Cheyne, Knight of the very noble Order of the Garter, King's Councillor, and Treasurer of his household, and also Constable of the said Lord King's Castle of Dover, Warden, Chancellor, and Admiral of his Cinque Ports and their Limbs, to the Mayor and Jurats of the Town and Port of Dover—Greeting. We command you, and by the authority of our aforesaid office firmly enjoining, order, that having heard the suit of Richard Browning, tailor, of the aforesaid town and port, complainant, and David Pirry, Warden of the Lord King's gaol without the walls of the city of Canterbury, defendant, in a plea for debt pending in the court of the said Lord King before you, the aforesaid Mayor and Jurats of the Town and Port of Dover, having summoned before you the aforesaid parties, and having heard their evidence there on that behalf, you afford to the aforesaid David Pirry full justice as in such a case shall be approved according to law and custom of the court of the said Lord King in the town and port aforesaid, lest repeated complaint reach us on that behalf, our mandate directed to you yourselves to the contrary notwithstanding, and this under pain and penalty ye are in no wise to omit.

Given at the Castle aforesaid, under the seal of our office there, on the twenty-first day of March in the seventh year of the reign of the Lord King Edward VI., by the grace of God, King of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

CVIII.

xxviii Octobris, 1 Marie.

MARIA, DEI GRACIA ANGLIE, ffrancie, et Hibernie regina, fidei Defensor, et in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremum Caput, OMNIBUS ad quos presentes littere pervenerint—Salutem. SCIATIS quod nos de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes damus et concedimus, dilectis nostris Majori, Juratis, et Communitati ville nostre de Dovor, in comitatu nostro Kancie, rivagium et feriagium tocius portus nostri de Dovor, in dicto comitatu nostro Kancie, de omnibus et omnimodis cimbis sive battellis infra portum predictum pro conduccione hominum et aliarum rerum a ripa portus predicti usque ad naves in predictum portum, ac in alto mari prope portum predictum ad ancoram jacentes, et a navibus illis usque ad ripam predictam conducend' et transportand' ita quod nullus ibidem aliquas res sive aliquos homines cum aliquibus cimbis vasibus sive batellis nisi tantum modo in batellis sive vasibus inhabitancium dicte ville de Dovor conducere vel transportare presumat sine licencia ipsorum Majoris, Juratorum, et Communitatis vel assignatorum. HABENDUM, TENEND', GAUDEND', et exercendum rivagium et feriagium predictum cum omnibus et singulis commoditatibus proficuis revencionibus et advantagiis quibuscumque, que eisdem rivagio et feriagio ab antiquo pertinent spectant seu incumbent, prefatis Majori, Juratis, et Communitati dicte ville nostre de Dovor et successoribus suis Majoribus, Juratis, et Communitati ejusdem ville imperpetuum, ad proprium opus et usum ipsorum Majoris, Juratorum, et Communitatis et successorum suorum imperpetuum absque compoto seu aliquo alio pro inde nobis heredibus vel successoribus quoquomodo reddend' solvend' vel faciend': PROVISO semper quod predicti Major, Jurati, et Communitas, dicte ville nostre de Dovor et successores sui pro tempore existentes omnia litteras et scripta nostra heredum et

C VIII.

28 October 1553.

MARY, by the grace of God, Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church, to all to whom the present letters shall come—Greeting. Know that we of our special grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted, and by the presents do give and grant, to our beloved the Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of our town of Dover, in our county of Kent, the rivage and ferriage of our whole port of Dover, in our said county of Kent, from all and all manner of skiffs or boats within the port aforesaid for the carrying of men and other things to be carried and transported from the shore of the port aforesaid to the ships in the aforesaid port, and lying at anchor in the deep sea near the aforesaid port, and from those ships to the shore aforesaid: so that none there presume to convey or transport any things or any men in any skiffs, vessels, or boats, except only in the boats or vessels of the inhabitants of our said town of Dover, without the licence of the said Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, or their assigns: to have, hold, enjoy, and exercise the rivage and ferriage aforesaid, with all and singular the commodities, profits, revenues, and advantages whatsoever, which to the aforesaid rivage and ferriage pertain, belong, or depend from time past, to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of our said town of Dover, and their successors the Mayors, Jurats, and Commonalty of the said town, for ever, for the proper work and use of the said Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty, and their successors for ever, without in any way giving, paying, or making account or any thing else on that behalf to us [our] heirs or successors: provided always that the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of our said town of Dover, and their successors for the time being, shall from time to time freely carry and transport for ever all our letters and writings, and of our heirs

successorum nostrorum conducend' et transportand' a ripa portus dicte ville de Dovor ad naves in eodem portu existentes aut ad naves in alto mari prope eundem portum ad ancoram jacentes, et a navibus illis ad ripam ejusdem portus conducent et transportabunt de tempore in tempus imperpetuum libere, absque aliqua allocacione vel aliqua pecunie summa seu aliquo alio pro inde a nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris impetrand' seu prosequend': Ac nos heredes et successores nostros, de omnibus oneribus et denariorum summis in et circa transportacionem earundem litterarum in forma predicta sustinend' de tempore in tempus, exonerabunt et aquietabunt imperpetuum: Eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut certitudine premissorum, vel eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos, vel per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum, prefatis Majori, Juratis, et Communitati predicte vel nostre de Dovor ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime facta existat, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinacione, provisione, sive restriccionem inde incontrarium factis editis ordinatis seu provisus, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque, in aliquo non obstante.

IN CUJUS REI TESTIMONIUM has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes.

TESTE me ipsa apud Westmonasterium vicesimo octavo die Novembris anno regni nostri primo. (*Per breve de privato sigillo Per Hare.*)

and successors which have to be carried and transported from the shore of the port of the said town of Dover to ships being in the said port, or to the ships lying at anchor in the deep sea near the said port, and from those ships to the shore of the said port, without seeking or demanding any allowance, or any sum of money, or any thing else on that behalf from us, our heirs and successors: and they will exonerate and acquit for ever us, our heirs and successors, from all burdens and sums of money in and about the transport of the same letters which shall be sustained from time to time in form aforesaid: so that express mention be not made in the presents by our will of the true yearly value, or certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of any other gifts or grants formerly made by us, or by any of our progenitors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Jurats, and Commonalty of our aforesaid town of Dover, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision, or restriction made, published, ordained, or provided to the contrary on that behalf, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, in any way notwithstanding.

In witness whereof we have caused these our letters to be made patent.

Witness myself at Westminster on the twenty-eighth day of November in the first year of our reign. (By a Writ of the Privy Seal. *Per Hare.*)

On the turnover there is an autograph of the Queen.

CIX.

I Junii, I Mary.

Hec indentura testatur quod Thomas ffynnet, Major ville et Portus Dovorie, in Comitatu Kancie, Johannes Marbull, Johannes Robins, Willelmus Geylles, et Robertus Seller, Custodes dicte ville, unanimum * assensum et concensum totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad * fodi firmam dimiserunt Anthonio Reade de villa et portu Dovre predicte, yeoman, unam vacuam * placem terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, continentem in latitudine * duos metas rodas terre et * demidiam rodam terre, et in longitudine quinque rodas terre, jacentes et existentes infra libertatem ville et portus Dovorie predicte inter * terre dicte ville modo in ocupatione Rogeri Wood versus sowtheweast, et * terre ville predicte modo in ocupatione Willelmus Burden versus northeast, et Regiam viam versus northeweast, et ripas maris versus sowtheast, HABEND' ET TENEND' predictam vacuam * placem terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Anthonio Reade, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, ultimo preterito ante datam presentium, de anno in annum uno post alium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxix. annorum ex tunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie complend' : faciend' inde servitium domine nostre Regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem portus Dovorie predicte cum acciderit : ac etiam reddend' et solvend' inde annuatim Majori et Custodibus dicte ville, qui tunc pro tempore * fuerunt, in festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis duodecem * denarios pro annuali redditu : et si contingat predictum annualem redditum de xij*d.* ad festum vell terminum predictum quo solvi debeat aretro fore in parte vell in toto ultra terminum predictum per spatium XV^m dierum, tunc licitum * erat Majori et Custodibus ville predicte qui tunc pro tempore * fuerunt in predictam vacuam placem terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare

CIX.

1 June, 1554.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Finnett, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, John Marbull, John Robins, William Geilles, and Robert Seller, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee firm demised to Anthony Reade of the Town and Port of Dover aforesaid, yeoman, a vacant plot of land with all its appurtenances, containing in breadth two measured roods of land and a half rood of land, and in length five roods of land, lying and being within the Liberty of the Town and Port of Dover aforesaid, between the lands of the said town, now in the occupation of Roger Wood, to the south-west, and the land of the said town, now in the occupation of William Burden, to the north-east, and the King's road to the north-west and the shore of the sea to the south-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid vacant plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Anthony Reade, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of S. Michael, the Archangel, last past before the date of the presents, from year to year one after the other to the end and term of the ninety-nine years next following and fully complete: on doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors when it shall befall according to the custom of the port of Dover aforesaid: and also on giving and paying annually to the Mayor and Wardens of the said town for the time being, at the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 12*d.* for an annual rent: and if happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 12*d.* be in arrear, in part or in whole, at the feast or term aforesaid on which it should be paid beyond the term aforesaid for the space of fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being to re-enter, re-have, and peaceably enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid vacant plot of ground with

rehabere et pasifice gawdere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictum Anthonium Read et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere, * hec presenti indentura non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune ville predictæ quam sigillum predicti Anthonii Read alternatim sunt apensa.

Data primo die mensis Junii anno Regni Domine nostre Marie, Dei gratia Anglie, ffrancie, Hibernie Regine, fidei Defensatricis, ac in terra Ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice Supremi Capitis, primo.

all its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it may have come, and to totally expel and remove the aforesaid Anthony Reade therefrom, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid Anthony Reade are alternately affixed.

Given on the first day of the month of June in the first year of the reign of our Lady Queen Mary, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and on earth Supreme Head of the English and Irish Church.

In dorso. Present in sealyng and delyveryng of these presentes, Thomas Fynnet, Mayor ; Robert Seller ; William Geylles ; Robt. Lome, common serjaunt ; William Mason ; Roger Wood, town clerke.

C X.

i Septembris, 1 & 2 Phil. et Mar.

HÆC indentura testatur quod Thomas ffynnett, Major ville et Portus Dovorie, in Comitatu Kancie, Johannes Marbull, Johannes Robines, Willelmus Geylles, et Robertus Seller, Custodes dicte ville, * una animum assensu et consensu totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad * fiodi firmam * demiserunt Valentino Uptone, de villa et portu Dovorie predicte, yeoman, unum gardinum cum omnibus pertinenciis continentem in longitudine alevene tayllors yardes and a hallfe, et in latitudine versus Regiam stratam syx yardes and a hallfe, et aliteram partem ad buttat ad terras predicti Valentini Uptone * continent fyve tayllors yardes and a hallfe, jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus Dovorie predicte in le Ward vocata . . . warde, inter terram predicti Valentini Uptone versus northeast, et communem venellam versus sowtheast, et Regiam stratam versus sowtheweast, et * terre hospitalis Sancti Barthilomeu versus northeweast, HABEND' ET TENEND' predictum gardinum cum omnibus pertinenciis prefato Valentino Uptone hered' et assignat' * suos a festo Sancti Michaelis Archeangeli proximo futuro post datam presentium de anno in annum uno post alium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxix. annorum extunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie complend'; faciend' inde servitium dominorum nostrorum Regis et Regine secundum consuetudinem ville et portus Dovorie predicte cum * accideret : ac etiam redend' et solvend' inde annuatim Majori et Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore * fuerunt in festo Assumptionis * beat' Maria Virginis octo * dinarios pro annuali reditu, et si contingat predictum annualem redditum de octo dinarios ad festum vell terminum quo solvi debeat * aretero fore in parte vell in toto ultra terminum predictum per spatium quindecim dierum, tunc licitum * erat Majori et Custodibus ville predicte, qui tunc pro tempore * fuerunt, in predictum gardinum cum omnibus pertinenciis, ad quarum-

C X.

1 September 1554.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Finnett, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, John Marbull, John Robins, William Geilles, and Robert Seller, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to Valentine Upton, of the Town and Port of Dover aforesaid, yeoman, a garden with all appurtenances, containing in length eleven tailor's yards and a half, and in breadth on the King's highway six yards and a half, and another part which abuts on the lands of the said Valentine Upton containing five tailor's yards and a half, lying and being within the Liberty of the Town and Port of Dover aforesaid in the ward called [left blank] Ward, between the land of the aforesaid Valentine Upton to the north-east, and the common lane to the south-east, and the King's highway to the south-west, and the land of the Hospital of S. Bartholomew to the north-west: to have and to hold the aforesaid garden with all appurtenances to the aforesaid Valentine Upton, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of S. Michael the Archangel next following the date of the presents, from year to year, one after the other, to the end and term of the ninety-nine years next following and fully complete: on doing therefor the service of our Lords the King and Queen when it shall befall according to the custom of the Town and Port of Dover aforesaid: and also on giving and paying annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8*d.* for an annual rent: and if it happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 8*d.* be in arrear at the feast or term on which it should be paid, in part or in whole, beyond the said term for the space of fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Commonalty of the aforesaid town for the time being to re-enter, re-have, and

cumque manus evenerit, reintrare, rehabere, et pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictus * Valentinus Uptone et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere * hec presenti indentura non obstante.

IN cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum comune ville predictæ quam sigillum predicti Valentini Uptone alternatim sunt apensa.

Data primo die mensis Septembris anno regni Regis et * Regina Phillipe et Maria, Dei gratia Anglie, francie, Neapolis, Hierusalem, et Hibernie, Rex et Regina, fidei Defensores, Principes Hispaniarum et Cecillie, Archeduces Austrie, Duces Mediolani, Burgundie, et Brabantie, Comites Haspurgii, flandrie et Tirollis, primo et secundo.

peacefully enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid garden with all appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it may have come, and the aforesaid Valentine Upton and his assigns to totally expel and remove therefrom, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid Valentine Upton are alternately affixed.

Given on the first day of the month of September in the first and second year of the reign of King and Queen Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, France, Naples, Jerusalem, and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, Princes of Spain and Sicily, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Milan, Burgundy, and Brabant, Earls of Hapsburg, Flanders, and the Tyrol.

In dorso : Present in sealyng and delyvering of these presents, Tho. finet, Mayor, and Thom. Corlaynes ; Robert Lome, towne sergaunt ; and Roger Wood, towne clerke of Dover.

Valentine Upton in . . . brook, modo Mr Legent.

C X I.

16 of Marche, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary, 1556.

PHYLYPE and MARYE, by the grace of God Kynge and Quene of Englande, ffrance, Naples, Jerusalem, and Irelande, Defendours of the Faith, Prynces of Spayne and Cycill, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Myllane, Burgundy, and Brabant, Counties of Haspurge, fleunders and Tiroll.—To all Archbusshoppis, Busshoppis, Archedeacons, Parsons, Vycars, Curates, and all other ecclesiasticall Mynisters and to all Maiours, Sheriffes, Justices of the Peaxe, Bayllieffes, Churchewardens, Masters and Wardens of fellowshippes, companies and occupacions, and all other our officers, Mynisters, and lovinge subjectes—Greating. Where ours the Quenes late ffather, and Brother, of famous memorye Henry theight, and Edward the Sixte, Kinges of this Realme, and we our selffes also pytyinge the greate nombere of shipwrackes that daylie happened about the narrowe seas uppon the coaste of thys our Realme, for want of convenient porte and harborough for the succour of suche vesselles as were occasioned eyther to trafficque or seke refuge in those partes, and tenderinge also the suretie and benefitt of our hole Realme, and namely of our towne and marches of Calleis, have heretofore caused greate and excessyve sommes of Treasure to be bestowed uppon the makinge of a Peere or Molle into the sea at our Toune and Porte of Dovor, whiche albeit it hath hitherto been a good harboroughe and proved to greate purpose for the safegarde of dyvers both of our lovinge subjectes and others, yet is it never the lesse brought nowe to suche decaye throughe the greate quantity of beache and peoberle stones that hath been by violence of the sea dryven into the same, and the peere there so torne and brought to ruine by rage of the stormes and tempestes

that hath happened of late, as yf speedy Remedy be not therin provyded the hole charges heretofore spent there-uppon is like very shortlye utterlye to be loste and caste awaye, and that harboroughe therebye made altogether unable hereafter to receyve eny shippe or vessele of chardge, which, yf it shulde comme to passe, were like to turne not onely to the daunger and perile of all suche both of our lovinge subjectes and others as trafficque and use those seas, But also to the greate losse, hindrance and delaye of our hole Realme. FFORASMUCHE therefore as the Mayour, Jurates, and Commonaltie of our saide Towne and Porte of Dovour, tenderinge the weale of them selffes and benefitt of suche as shall resorte to the saide harboroughe, have devysed a meane not onely to prevent thiese inconvenience and amende the saide Porte, but also to make suche a sure and commodiyouss havon there as beinge broughte to perfeccion shall turne to the generall benefitt and ease bothe of our hole Realme and of suche also as shall resorte to thesame. The platte of whiche devyse hath been shewed unto us, and is very like yf it may be spedely followed, to be shortly broughte to good and full conclusion, towardes the furtherance whereof dyvers charitable and well disposed persons have alrede offered to geve large sommes of money, like as we can not but very well commende the good zeale that these persons seeme to beare towardes thadvancement of the commonwelth of theire countrey, whose good purpose we shall not faile also for our parte to further with our good favour and assistance, so to thende thesame maye the better and more speedily be broughte to due perfeccion, We leat you wete that for the consideraciones afforsayde, and for the weale and suretie of our hole Realme, and benefitt of all suche oure lovinge subjectes or others as shalbe occasioned to trafficque into the saide narrowe seas, or

to passe unto our Towne and Marches of Calleys, or eny other place thereaboutes on that syde, we have thought convenient, beinge thereunto humblie desired by the saide Maiour, Jurates, and Commonaltie of our saide Towne of Dovour, to graunte libertie and full lycence unto them that they maye auctoryse under theire commen seale suche persons, beinge men of honestie as they will aunswere for, to resorte unto all the partes of theis our Realme to desyre and receyve the good willes, charytie, helpe, and furtheraunce of all our lovinge subjectes towardes this good enterpryse, And do therefore not onely requyre all Archbusshoppis, Busshoppis, Archedeacones, Parsons, Vycars, Curates, and other spirituall Mynisters to exhorte and perswade our lovinge subjectes, both in theire sermons, and by all suche other meanes as they thinke convenient, to further and helpe thys so good and beneficiall a worke with theire almes and charytie, But doe also charge and commande all you our Maiours, Sheriffes, Justices of the Peaxe, Baylieffes, Constables, Hedboroughes, and all other our Officers, Mynisters, and subjectes to whom it shall apperteyn, that you, and every of you, be aydinge, furtheringe, and assistynge unto thesaide persons so auctorysed by thesaide Maiour, Jurates, and Commonaltie of Dovour in the furtheraunce of the charge commytted unto them, helpynge them by all the beste and honest meanes ye maye to levye and gather the good willes, charytie, helpe, and furtheraunce of all our saide lovinge subjectes within the Jurysdiccions, Precinctes, Rules, and Offices of you and every of you, in suche sorte as, by your wisdommes and discrecions, shalbe thoughte moste convenient.

IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our letters of Commyssion to be sealed with our greate seale.

Witness our selffes at Grenewiche, the xvith daye of Marche, the seconde and thirde yeres of our reignes.

(Per ipsos Regem et Reginam, etc. Marten).

This Charter is in duplicate, one perfect seal, and one broken seal, remain.

CXII.

8 of Aprill, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary, 1556.

TO ALL THOSE to whome these presenc shall come To be sene, Redd, or Herde, We the Maior, Jurates, and Comynaltye of the Kinges and Quenes Majesties towne and port of Dovor, in the County of Kent, Send deue commendations and gretinge to all and every to whome in this case it may or shall appertayne, THAT, where as yt hathe so pleasyd the Kinges and Quenes Majesties of their Bountifull goodnes to grawnte unto us the said Maior, Jurates, and Commynaltye Their Majesties tender Commyssion, under their greate sealle, to Levie and gather the Charytye, Helpe, and ffurtherance of all their Majesties Lovynge Subjectes Towardes the makinge and buylldinge of A haven At, and thorowghe, the said towne and porte of Dovor, in suche fforme and sorte as yt appearithe By the platt thereof made, whiche we sende unto you and every of you, together wythe the said Commyssion to be Sene, Redd, and perusyd, by the Berers hereof, whyche thinge Done and Browght to shuche perfection, as we Intend by God's grace, withe your good hellpes, to bringe to passe, wylbe not onely for the Benefycyall Wellthe of this Holle Reallme of England, ye town of Callis, and ye marshes of ye same, But also ffor All others as tradethe and travaquythe the Narrowe Sease. IN CONSIDERATION, whereof we the said Maior, Jurates, and Comynaltye of the sayde towne and port of Dovor Have Chosen, Electid, appoyntid and Actorisid, and by these presence doe appointe and Actorise, Our wellbelovid in Christe, John Harris and Thomas Dawx, of the said towne and port of Dover, ye one and every of them, to levy, gather, and receive All shuche some and somes of money as shalbe yeoven, collectid, and gatherid together, of all ye Kinges and Quenes Majesties subjectes, where they or any of them shall happen to come, To ye said meritorious woorke and goode deade, By Inventory Indentid and subscribid by ye hed officers where it shalbe so

Levied, whereby it may appeare unto ye Kinges and Quenes Majesties, and ye honerable Cowncell, not onely what some and somes of money shalbe so collectid and gathered, But also what goodwills and zealles their highnes subjectes berithe towardes ye furtherans of ye said good purpose, being for ye common wellthe of ye holle reallme and all other yt travaquethe and tradethe the same by these presenc.

IN WITNESS, whereof we ye said Maiour, Jurates, and Comynalty have to these presenc caused our common sealle to be affixed.

Datid at Dovor aforesaid the viij. of Aprill In the second and thirde yeare of ye rainges of our soverainges Phillippe and Mary, by ye grace of God King and Quene of Ingland, ffranc, Naples, Jerusalem, and Ierland, Defenders of the faythe, Princis of Spayne and Cicill, Archdukes of Austria, Dukes of Myllen, Borgony, and Brabant, Countes of Apzuge, fflaunders, and tyroll.

CXIII.

ij Septembris, annis 4 et 5 Phil. et Mar.

HEC INDENTURA, Testatur quod Adriane White, Major ville et portus Dovorie, in Comitatu Kancie, Stephanus Andersone, Johannes Gnaipps, Thomas Androwe, et Ricardus Mylles, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et *consensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem tradiderunt, concesserunt, et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Edmundo Whitte, ville Dovorie predicte, yeoman, totum illud nostrum parvum tenementum in quo quidem Johannes Lawraunce, tayler, modo inhabitat, scituatum, jacentem, et existentem infra *libartatem ville Dovorie predicte, inter partucum messuagii predicti *Adrianū versus east, et partucum le seller predicti *Adrianu Whitte versus weast, etc. HABEND' ET TENEND' predictum *parvum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prefato Edmundo Whitte, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis ultimo preterito ante datum presentium de anno in annum uno post *allium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxix^o annorum extunc proximorum sequentium adeo plenarie complend': ffaciend' inde servitium dominorum Regis et Regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem ville et portus Dovorie cum acciderit: ac etiam redend' et solvend' inde annuatim Majori et Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore *fuerunt in festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis vid. pro *annuali redditu: et si contingat quod dictum annualem redditum de sex *denarios ad festum predictum quo solvi debeat arretro ffore in parte vell in toto ultra terminum predictum per spacium xv^{em} dierum, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus ville predicte, qui tunc pro tempore fuerunt, in predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis, ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare, rehabere, et *pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictum Edmundum et

CXIII.

3 September 1557.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Adrian White, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, Stephen Anderson, John Gnaipps, Thomas Andrew, and Richard Milles, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the same, have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to Edmund Whitte, of the town of Dover aforesaid, yeoman, the whole of that our little tenement, in which indeed John Lawrance, tailor, now dwells, situated, lying, and being within the Liberty of the Town of Dover aforesaid, between the doorway of the messuage of the aforesaid Adrian to the east, and the doorway of the cellar of the aforesaid Adrian Whitte to the west, etc. : to have and to hold the aforesaid small tenement with all its appurtenances to the aforesaid Edmund Whitte, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary last past before the date of the presents, from year to year one after the other, to the end and term of the ninety-nine years next following so fully completed : on doing therefor the service of our Lords the King and Queen and their successors when it shall befall according to the custom of the town and port of Dover : and also on giving and paying therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, at the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 6*d.* for an annual rent : and if it happen that the said annual rent of 6*d.* be in arrear at the aforesaid feast on which it should be paid, in part or in whole, beyond the aforesaid term for the space of fifteen days, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being to re-enter, re-have, and peacefully enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid tenement with all its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it may have come,

assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere, hac presenti *indenture non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune ville predicte quam sigillum predicti Edmundi alternatim sunt appensa.

Data tercio die mensis Septembris annis regnorum dominorum Regis et Regine Phillippe et Marie, dei gracia, quarto et quinto.

and to totally expel and remove the said Edmund and his assigns therefrom, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town aforesaid as the seal of the aforesaid Edmund are alternately affixed.

Given on the third day of the month of September in the years fourth and fifth of the reigns of the Lords Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen.

CXIV.

xij Octobris, annis 4 & 5 Phil. et Mar.

NOVERINT universi per presentes nos Aliciam Geylles, viduam, nuper uxorem Roberti Geylles, senioris, nuper de villa Dovorie, defuncti, Jacobum Justice, Robertum Geylles, et Johannem [Maye] de villa et portu Dovorie predicte, in comitatu Kancie, marrinerii, teneri et firmiter obligari Henrico Harwood de villa et portu Dovorie predicte, subballivo ibidem, in centum libris bone et legalis monete Anglie solvend' eidem Henrico Harwood, vell suis *sertis attornatis, heredibus, executoribus vell assignatis suis, in festo Sancti Luci Evangeliste proximo futuro post datum presentium, ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligavimus nos et quemlibet nostrorum per se pro toto et in solidis heredes executores, ac administratores nostros firmiter per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium nos, predicti Alicia, Jacobus, Robertus, et Johannes Maye, huic presenti scripto nostro sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Datum xij^o die mensis Octobris annis regnorum dominorum Regis et Regine Philippe et Marie, dei gracia Anglie, Hispaniarum, ffrancie, Ustrie, Flandrie, Cecillie, Jerusalem, et Hibernie, etc., quarto et quinto.

In dorso :

The condition of this obligatione is shuche, that wheras one William Geylles is nowe prisonere, and within the Kinge and Quenes majesties prisone within the towne and porte of Dovor, under the custodye of the within-named Henry Harwood, and condemned to dye by the order of the lawe ffor a sartyn morthur by him comyted and done, yffe the said William Geylles doe bye come trewe prisonere, and also maick his personalle appearaunce by fore the Mayer and Juratis of the said towne and porte of Dovor when soe ever he shall be required therunto or called fore, there to maick aunser or suffer shuche condigne punishment as to [55]

CXIV.

12 October 1557.

KNOW all men by the presents that we, Alice Geylles, widow, lately wife of Robert Geilles, senior, formerly of the town of Dover, deceased, James Justice, Robert Geilles, and John [May], of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, in the county of Kent, mariners, are bound and firmly pledged to Henry Harwood, of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, sub-bailiff there, for £100 good and legal English money, to be paid to the said Henry Harwood or his certain attorneys, heirs, executors, or assigns, on the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist next after the date of the presents, for the good and faithful payment of which we firmly pledge ourselves, and any one of us by himself, our heirs, executors, and administrators, for the whole sum and in cash by the presents.

In witness whereof we, the aforesaid Alice, James, Robert, and John May, have affixed our seals to this our present deed.

Given on the twelfth of the month of October in the fourth and fifth years of the reigns of our Lords Philip and Mary, by the grace of God King and Queen of England, Spain, France, Austria, Flanders, Sicily, Jerusalem, and Ireland, etc

Two red seals remain.

him shall be adjudged by the said Maior and Jurats, and yff all so the within-bownden Alice, James, Robert, and John Maye, theyir heyires, executors, or assinges, or anye of them doe at all tyme and tymes hence forth save and keppe harmeles the said Henrye Harwood, his heyirs, executors, and administrators, and everye of them of and ffrom all maner of indempnitates, losses, vexationes, or troubles, escappes, or other wayes whiche maye or shall ensue concerning the said William Geylles, or any escape by him to be made, that then this present obligatione to be voyd and of none effecte, orels to stande and remayne in his full streyngh, power, and vertu.

CXV.

i Marche, 1 Eliz., 1559.

ELIZABETH, by the grace of God Quene of Englande, ffraunce, and Irelande, Defendour of the Faythe, etc. To all men to whom these presentes shall comme, gretinge. WHEREAS the Mayour, Jurates, and Inhabitantes of our Towne of Dover have exhybited unto us their Supplicacion, requyringe thereby amonges other thinges that for reliefe of the greate lacke they have of Salsalte for their necessary use, they mighte notwithstanding the generall restraynte for bringyge into thys our Realme of any frenche wares, provyde and buy from tyme to tyme of such straungers, beinge wyth us in leage and amytie, as shall happen to comme into our Porte or Rode of our sayde towne of Dovor for succore, or for any other necessary cause, with any shippe or shyppes laden wyth salsalte, such porcion and quantytie of thesaide salsalte as thesaide straungers shalbe wyllinge to sell unto them. WE leate you wete that in consideracion aswell of their sayde lacke, as for other causes us movinge, we have byn contented to geve and graunte unto them lycence, like as by these presentes we doe geye and graunte them, and every of them, lycence to provyde and buy from hensforth, durynge the tyme of thesaide restraynte, of any suche straunger as shall hereafter happen so to arryve into our sayde Porte or Rode of Dovor with any shyppe or shyppes laden with salsalte as aforesaide, such quantytie of thesaide salsalte as thesayde straungers shalbe contented and wylling to sell and utter unto them. And thesame salte so provyded and boughte, to bringe and lay and lande and use in suche wise as they myght have don before the makinge of thesaide restraynte, without incurringe any danger, penalty, forfeiture, damage, or displeasure for thesame, any proclamation or order touchinge thesaide restraynte made or had notwithstandinge. WHEREFORE our will and pleasure is that you, and every of you, suffer thesayde Mayor, Jurates, and

thinhabitantes of our sayde towne and every of them, to have and enjoye the hole effecte of this our lycence without any your lete, troble, or contradiccion, as ye tender our pleasure; Provyded that of suche Custommes and Dutyes as be due unto us for thesaide salte so boughte and provyded, we be dulye and truly aunsuered, as reason ys.

IN WYTNES whereof we have caused these our lettres to be made patentés.

Wytnes our selffe at Westminster the firste daye of Marche the firste yere of our reigne.

[*Per breve de privato sigillo et de data predicta. Marten.*]
A moiety of the seal remains.

CXVI.

26 July, 1 Eliz., 1559.

TO ALL those to whom thes present Leatters Testimonialles shall come, or the same shall see, here, or reade, Thomas Collye, Maier of the Quenes Majesties towne and porte of Dovor ; William Crippes, jentellman, esquire, Leaftenent of the Castell of Dovor, and Roger Wood, Towne Clarke and Recorder of the said towne of Dovor, seand dewe commendations and greateyng, etc. Knowe ye and everye of you to whome in this case yt maye or shall appertayne, That we, the said Thomas Collye, William Cripes, and Roger Wood, being required and also desyred by William Hanington, of the said towne and porte of Dovor, in the county of Kent, jentellman, to see and voywe sarten * chesse of Essex and Suffolk, which was a remaynder of the late victellyng of the Quens Majestis shipp, nowe remayning in the storehowse at Dovor port, in the custody and charge of the said William Hanington, in watt estatt and case the chesse was and is in, and to wittnes the trothe thereof, beinge there unto required. Therefor we, the said Thomas, William, and Roger Wood, for a declaration of Trothe, doe by thes presentes, at the request aforesaid, wittnese and testyfye to be for trothe, that about the xxth daye of June last past by for the datte hereof, sawe a sarten parcell of olde rotten and nawghty chesse wayed, being a remaynder as is aforesaid, which was of Suffolk and Essex chese, and dyd [e]xtend by weyght to the number of a leven waye of cheese, and was not worthe the vallue of iiii*s*., except it were to feade dogges, for that it was soe olde, rotten, corrupt, and consumed by myutes, to evell to be expressed.

In wittnes of all the premysses to be matters of trothe,

* Cheese.

we, the said Thomas, William, and Roger Wood, have to these presentes put to our seals ; and for that our seals is not to all men knowen, Therefore we have caused for the better testimony thereof the sealle off office of mayiralty to thes presentes to be affyxed.

Dated the xxvith daye of Julii anno regni Regine nostre Elizabeth, primo.

One seal remains.

CXVII.

xxiiij die Martii, 2 Eliz.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me, Robertum Wessenden, de Paroch[ia Sancti Johannis Baptiste in Insula Than]ete, in Comitatu Kancie, yoman, teneri et firmiter obligari Johanni Sprawlynge de Parochia . . . , in insula et comitatu predictis, yoman, in decem libris legalis monete Anglie, solvend' eidem Johanni [Sprawlynge] aut suo certo attornato, heredibus, executoribus, seu administratoribus suis, in festo pasche proximo futuro post datum presencium [ad quam] quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me heredes, executores, et administratores meos per presentes, sigillo meo sigillato.

Datum vicesimo quarto die mensis Martii anno regni domine nostre Elizabethe, dei gracia Anglie, ffrauncie, et Hibernie Regine, Fidei Defensoris, etc., secundo.

Per me, Robertum Wessenden.

Witnesse me, John Russell.

CXVII.

24 March, 1560.

Know all men by the presents that I, Robert Wessenden, of the parish [of S. John the Baptist, in the Isle of Tha]net in the county of Kent, yeoman, am held and bound to John Sprawlynge, of the parish of . . . , in the isle and county aforesaid, for £10 of legal English money, to be paid to the said John Sprawlynge, or his certain attorney, heirs, executors, or administrators, on the feast of Easter next following after the date of the presents, and for the good and lawful payment of the same I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and administrators by the presents, my seal having been sealed.

Given on the twenty-fourth day of the month of March in the second year of the reign of the Lady Elizabeth, etc.

By me, Robert Wessenden.

Witness, John Russell.

In dorso :

The condition of this [obligation is such] that if the within-bounden Robert Wessenden, his heirs, executors, or administrators, or one [of them do well and tru]lie satisfie, content, and paie, or cause to be [well and trulie satis]fied, contented, and paid [unto the within-nam]ed John Sprawlynge, his executors, administrators, or assigns . . . seven pounds fifteen shill[ings] lawfull money of England at the feast of Pentecost next [and] imediatlie ensuinge the date hereof, without anie further delaie, resistance, or controversie, that then this present obligation to be voide and of none effect otherwise to stand and abyde in full force, strength, and vertue.

CXVIII.

1 September, 1559.

THIS indenture made the ffirste daye of Septembre in the ffirste yere of the reigne of oure Sovereine the Quene that nowe is, Elizabethe, by the grace of God Quene of England, ffr aunce, and Ireland, Defender of the ffeythe, and of the Church of England and Ireland Supreme Governer, betwene Thomas Colley, Mayer of the towne and porte of Dovor, Harry Leonard, Roger Gryse, John Milleward, and Thomas Ramysden, the Chamberlaines of the said towen for this present yere, of the one parte, and Antony Burton, of the seide towen and porte of Dovor, of the other parte, witnessithe, that the seide Mayer and Chamberlaines by there onely assentis and concentis have demysed, grauntyd, and to fferme hathe letten unto the seide Antony Burton and his assignes, the Church yerde of Seint Martens, whiche Thomas Dawkes late had in occupyency, to have and to holde the seide Church yerde of Seint Martens unto the seide Antony Burton and his assignes from the ffeste of Seint Mixhell Tharchaungell next commynge after the date herof unto thend and term of xxj. yeres then nexte ensuyng fully to be completyd and endyd; yeldyng and therefore yerely payeng unto the seide Mayer and Chamberlaines and to their successors for the tyme beyng *iijs^s. iiij^d.* of goode and lawfull money of England ate *ij.* pryncipall ffeste in the yere, that ys to saye, at the ffestes of the Annunciacion of oure Lady Seint Mare the Virgyn and Seint Myxhell Tharchaungell, by evyn porcions to be payed, and all repparacions about the seide church yerde, if any be, shall yerely be borne at the only propre cost and charges of the seide Antony Burton and his assignes duringe all the seide terme, and if hit happen the seide yerely fferme, or half-yerely fferme, to be behind in part or in all not payed within viij. the dayes nexte after any of the seide ffeste in the whiche hit oughte

to be payed, beyng lawfully asked, that then hit shalbe lawfull unto ye seide Mayer and Chamberlaines for the tyme beyng into the seide churche yarde and every parte and parcell thereof to enter and distreyne, and the distress so by them lawfully takyn, or ther assignes, to leade, carre, and dryve awaye and unto [them] retayne unreplyable unto such tyme as the seide rent and the arreragies thereof, if any, then beyng be hynde and nott payed, be unto the seide Mayer and Chamberlaines for the tyme beyng ffulley satisfied, contentyd, and payed: and yf it happen the seide yerely fferme of *iijs^s. iiij^d.* to be behynde in parte or in all nott payed within xv. dayes next after any of the seide festes in the whiche hit oughte to be payed, that then hit shalbe lefull unto the seide Mayer and Chamberlaines, and their assignes, into the seide churche yerde to re-enter, and the seide Antony Burton and his assignes to expulssse and putt oute, any thyng in this present Indenture to the contrare notwithstanding. Provydyd alwys that the seide Antony Burton and his assignes do leve a lawfull waie for to bery the poore from tyme to tyme as ofte as nede shall requyre.

In witnesse wherof to the one parte of this indenture we have caused the seale of office of Mayraltie herunto to be affixed and putte the daye and yere above written.

Part of the seal remains.

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CXIX.

Ante viij Septembris, 3 Elizabeth.

Hec indentura testatur quod Richardus Gibbs, Major ville et portus Dovorre, Robertus finet, Willelmus Calle, Willelmus Tydyman, ac Johannes Allen, custodes dicte ville, unanimiter assensu et consensu pro et in nomine totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Christofero Eliot, de villa et portu predicto, bocher, unam vacuum peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis, jacentem et existentem infra Libertatem ville et portus predicti in Morrens Warde, inter terram domine regine, vocatam A Millhouse, modo in occupatione Jacobi Smithe versus northwest; et tenementum vocatum Le Allmeshouse versus southeast; et Regiam stratam versus northeast; et communem vinelam versus southwest; qua quidem pecia terre continet in longitudine xxvj. pedes, et in latitudine ad partem *eborealem xvij. pedes, et ad partem australem vij. pedes: habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis prefato Christofero Eliot, heredibus et assignatis suis, et ad usum ipsius Christoferi et heredum et assignatorum suorum pro termino xxj. annorum, et ulterius de xxj. annorum in xxj. annorum, tunc xxj. sequentium, usque in finem termini de lxxxix. annorum proximorum sequentium post datum presentium plenarie complend': et faciend' inde servitium domine nostre Regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem ville et portus predicti cum acciderit: et reddend' inde annuatim Majori dicte ville qui pro tempore fuerint et custodibus ejusdem in festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis, vs. legalis monete Anglie: et si contingat dictum annualem redditum de vs. a retro fore ultra terminum predictum per xiiij. dies insolutum in parte vel in toto, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in predictam peciam terre cum suis pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare et pacifice possidere sibi

CXIX.

(Before the 8) September 1561.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Richard Gibbs, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, Robert Finett, William Calle, William Tidiman, and John Allen, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent for and in the name of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to Christopher Eliot, of the town and port aforesaid, butcher, a vacant plot of land with its appurtenances, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, in Morrens Ward, between the land of the Lady Queen, called A Millhouse, now in the occupation of James Smith, to the north-west; and a tenement called Le Allmeshouse to the south-east; and King Street to the north-east, and the common lane to the south-west, which plot of land contains in length twenty-six feet, and in breadth to its north seventeen feet, and to its south seven feet: to have and to hold the aforesaid vacant plot of land with its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Christopher, his heirs and assigns, and to their use, for a term of twenty-one years, and furthermore from twenty-one years to twenty-one years, then the twenty-one following to the end of a term of the ninety-nine years next following after the date of the presents fully complete: on doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors according to the custom of the town and port aforesaid when it shall befall: and paying therefor annually to the Mayor of the said town for the time being, and to the Chamberlains of the same, on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5*sh.* of legal English money: and if it happen that the said annual rent of 5*sh.* shall be in arrear unpaid beyond the term aforesaid for fourteen days, in part or in whole, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Wardens for the time being, to re-enter and peaceably possess for themselves and their successors, the

et successoribus suis Majori et Custodibus ejusdem ville imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune quam sigillum predicti Christoferi Eliot, his indenturis alternatim sunt apensi.

Dato apud Dovor predicto *. . . die mensis Septembris anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, Dei gratia Anglie, francie, et Hibernie regina, fidei Defensor (!) etc., tertio, anno 1561.

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C X X.

14 March 1562.

THIS INDENTURE MADE The xiiijth day of Marche, in the fourthe yere of the reigne of our Sovereaine Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, ffrance, and Ireland Quene, Defender of the Faith, etc. BETWENE William Hannyngton, esquier, Maire of the Quenes Majesties Town and Porte of Dovor, in the county of Kent, John Hobday, Thomas Painter, Robert Nycham, Cristopher Elyott, Chamberlaines of the same town, on the one partye, and Leonard Warren, and Clement Haryson, of the towne and porte of Dovor, in the county aforesaid, yomen, on the other partye, WYTTNESSYTH yt the said Mayor and Chamberlaines for and in the name of the towne of Dovor, have dymysed, graunted, and to ferme letten, for them and there successors, unto the said Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, ther heyres and assignes, the passage boote, comonly cauled the faring boote of Dovor, yt is to say the setting a borde of all manner of packettis, postis, and passengers yt shalle take passage from this towne of Dovor, and allso the settinge on lande of all packettis, postis, and passengers yt shall here aryve to be set a lande, with alle and alle manner proffytin comodyties and advantages as hathe been used or accustomed to apertaine in any manner of wyse to ye sayde faring bote, eyther in the maine sea rode or within the haven at any tyme heretofore, To HAVE and holde the sayde faring or faryng boote unto the sayde Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, there heires and assignes, by the space of fyve yeres, begynnyng at ye feast of the Annuncyacion of o' Lady next ensuyng, the dat hereof fully to be complett and ended : YELDING and paing yerely unto the chamber of ye towne of Dovor, or to the handes of the Mayor and

Chamberlaines for the tyme being, ye some of syx poundis thirtene shillinges and fower pence lawfull money of Ingland, halfe yerely to be payde, yt is to say at the feast of St. Mighaelle the Archaungelle, and the feast of the Annuncyation of o^r Lady afore sayde by even portions. AND YF it shalle fortune ye saide yerely farme to be behinde and unpaide, in parte or in alle, after any of the saide feastes in ye whiche it ought to be paide, duringe the terme aforesaide, by the space of xiiij. dayes, being lawfully asked, that then it shalbe lawfull for the Mayor and Chamberlaines for the tyme being ye said Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, there heyres and assignes from the said faring and faring boote utterly to expell, remove, and put out, and the saide faryng or faring bote to repossess to the townes use as in there former estate, this indenture or any thinge theryn conteyned to ye contrary notwithstanding. ALSO the sayde Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson covenant and graunt, and by these presentes themselves, binds there heyres and assignes to and with the said Mayor and Chamberlaines, that there executors, heyres, or assignes shall from tyme to tyme, at there owne proper costes and charges, finde one sufficient able bote, or more if nede require, with oners and other necessities to serve the Quenes [Majestie aboute any of her] affaires yt unto ye faring shalle apertaine, with sufficient and so many able men as shalle belong necessarylye to ye furniture of the said bote or bootes, allwais redy as well by night as by day to serve ye Quenes Majestie and alle other persons as before expressed, and allso to be redy with the saide bote or botes to serve the Mayre at comaundement from time to time, either for the Quene or for ye towne, with one other officer by the apointment of the Maire for the tyme being about ye townes affayres on colleceons as occasyon shall serve, to passe to and fro frely within ye saide bote without payyng any thinge therefore. AND the said Mayer and Chamberlaines bind themselves and there

successors by the presentes to be aydyng and assysting unto ye said Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, there heyres and assignes, from tyme to tyme yt they and every of them shall quietly serve, possesse, and receive the said proffites, comodities, and advantages as is before expressed : **PROVYDED** yt the sayde Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, there heyres and assignes, shall not at any tyme hereafter, during ye terme aforesayd, exact, enhaunce, or usurpe by excess, taking for any ther sirvys other than hath been rated and accustomed heretofore, or to be rated by the dyscressyon of ye Mayre and Jurates.

IN wytness whereof to ye one parte of thys indenture we, the sayde Mayer and Chamberlaines, have caused ye seale of offyce of mayoraltye of ye towne and porte abovesayde, to thes presentes to be affyxed, and ye said Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson to ye other parte have sett there seale and handes, ye daye and yere abovesayd, anno 1562.

Per me, Leonred Warren, written over one seal still remaining, a mark for Clement Harrison over the other seal remaining.

On the back :

Allso it is further agreed by ye sayde Mayre and Chamberlaines yt ye sayde Leonard Warren and Clement Haryson, or there assignes, shall from tyme to tyme geve advertysment unto the Mayor for ye tyme being during the terme aforesayde, of alle such shippes and bootes as shalle arryve within ye haven with any manner of rytaile or merchandyze, mete or profitable, for ye Mayor and Jurats, or for ye hole towne as ofte as occasyon shall serve.

Two seals remain.

CXXI.

xx Junii, anno 4 Eliz.

Hæc indentura testatur quod Willelmus Hannyngton, Major ville et portus Dovor, in comitatu Kancie, Thomas Painter, Johannes Hobday, Robertus Nicham, et Christopherus Eliott, Custodes dicte ville, una communi assensu et consensu totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Thome Dawkes, de villa et portu Dovor predictæ, yomoni, unam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis continentem in longitudine quinque metas rodas terre, et in latitudine usque ad altum mare, jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus Dovor predictæ, inter terram dicte ville, modo in occupatione Willelmi Lomas, usque southwest; et terram ville predictæ, modo in occupatione Anthonii Reade, usque northeast; et regiam viam versus northwest; et altum mare versus southeast: habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Thome Dawkes, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proximo futuro post datam presentium, de anno in annum uno post alium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxix. annorum extunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie complend': faciend' inde servitium domine nostre regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem portus Dovorie predictæ cum acciderit: ac etiam reddend' et solvend' inde annuatim Majori et Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in festo Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis duodecem denarios pro annuali redditu: et si contingat predictum annualem redditum de xij*d.* ad festum vel terminum predictum quo solvi debeat a retro fore insolutum in parte vel in toto ultra terminum predictum per spacium xv^m dierum, si legitime petatum, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus ville predictæ qui tunc pro

CXXI.

20 June 1562.

THIS indenture witnesseth that William Hannington, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, in the county of Kent, Thomas Painter, John Hobday, Robert Nicham, and Christopher Eliott, Chamberlains of the said town, with the common assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee ferm demised to Thomas Dawkes, of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, yeoman, a vacant plot of land with all its appurtenances, containing in length five measured roods of land, and in breadth to the deep sea, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, between the land of the said town, now in the occupation of William Lomas, to the south-west; and the land of the town aforesaid, now in the occupation of Anthony Reade, to the north-east: and King Street to the north-west; and the deep sea to the south-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid vacant plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Dawkes, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist next following after the date of the presents, from year to year one after the other to the end of the term of ninety-nine years next following and fully complete: on doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors, according to the custom of the port of Dover aforesaid when it shall befall: and also on paying and giving therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, at the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 12*d.* as an annual rent: and if it happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 12*d.* be in arrear unpaid, in part or in whole, at the feast or term on which it should be paid, and be unpaid beyond the aforesaid term for the space of fifteen days, if legitimately claimed, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor

tempore fuerint in predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare, rehabere, et pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, et predictum Thomam Dawkes et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere, hac presenti indentura non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum comune ville predictæ quam sigillum predicti Thome Dawkes alternatim sunt apensa.

Data xx^o die Junii anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie * regina, fidei defensor etc., quarto, anno 1562.

and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being to re-enter, re-have, and peaceably enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid plot of vacant land, into whomsoever's hands it may have come, and the aforesaid Thomas Dawkes, and his assigns, totally expel and remove therefrom, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal as the seal of the aforesaid Thomas Dawkes are alternately affixed.

Given on the twentieth day of June in the fourth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, in the year 1562.

CXXII.

die Augusti, anno 4 Eliz.

HEC indentura testatur quod Willelmus Hanyngton, Major ville et portus Dovor, in comitatu Kancie, Thomas Painter, Johannes Hobdaye, Robertus Nicham, et Cristoferus Eliott, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et consensu totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Johanni Boorlye, de villa et portu Dovor predictæ, generoso, unam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, continentem in longitudine quadraginta quatuor pedes, et in latitudine usque ad altum mare, jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus Dovorie predictæ, inter quandam placeam terre ville predictæ, modo in occupatione Roberti Hedley, versus north-east, Regiam stratam versus northwest, ac altum mare versus southeast: habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Boorley, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste ultimo preterito ante data presentium, de anno in annum uno post alios, usque ad finem et terminum nonaginta novem annorum extunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie complend': faciend' inde servitium domine nostre Regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem portus Dovorie cum acciderit: ac etiam reddend' et solvend' inde anuatim Majori et Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore fuerint, in festo Assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis duos solidos pro annuali redditu; et si contingat predictum annualem redditum, de ijs. ad festum vell terminum predictum, quo sollvi debeat aretro fore insolutum in parte vel in toto ultra terminum predictum per spacium xv^{im} dierum, si legitime petium, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus ville predictæ qui tunc pro tempore fuerint, in predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus evenierit, reintrare, rehabere, et

CXXII.

August 1562.

THIS indenture witnesseth that William Hanington, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, in the county of Kent, Thomas Painter, John Hobday, Robert Nicham, and Christopher Elliott, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee firm demised to John Boorlie, of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, gentleman, a plot of vacant land with all its appurtenances, containing in length forty-four feet, and in breadth as far as the deep sea, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, between a certain plot of land belonging to the town aforesaid, now in the occupation of Robert Hedley, to the north-east ; King Street to the north-west ; and the deep sea to the south-east : to have and to hold the aforesaid vacant plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid John Boorley, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist last past before the date of the presents, from year to year one after the other to the end and for the term of ninety-nine years next following and fully complete : on doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors, according to the custom of the port of Dover, when it shall befall : and also on paying and giving therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being, at the feast of the Assumption of of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2*s*. for an annual rent ; and if happen that the aforesaid annual rent of 2*s*. be in arrear unpaid, in part or in whole, at the feast or term aforesaid in which it ought to be paid, and be unpaid for the space of fifteen days beyond the said term, although legitimately claimed, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being to re-enter, and have, and peaceably enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid vacant plot of land with all its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it

pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictum Johannem Boorley et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere, hac presenti indentura non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune quam sigillum predicti Johannis Boorley alternatim sunt apensa.

Datum die Augusti anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, Dei gratia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie * Regina, fidei defensor, quarto (anno 1562).

shall have come, and to totally expel and remove therefrom the aforesaid John Boorley and his assigns, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal as also the seal of the aforesaid John Boorley are alternately affixed.

Given on the day of August in the fourth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith. (In the year 1562.)

CXXIII.

xxx Augusti, 4 Eliz.

HEC indentura testatur quod Willelmus Hannyngton, Maior ville et portus Dovor, in comitatu Kancie, Thomas Painter, Johannes Hobday, Robertus Nikam, et Cristoferus Eliott, Custodes dicte ville, unanimi assensu et consensu tocius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt concesserunt et ad feodi firmam demiserunt Willelmo Burden, de villa et portu Dovor predictæ, Jurato, unam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, continentem in longitudine dewcentos viginti unum pedes terre, et in latitudine usque altum mare, jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus Dovor predictæ, inter quandam venellam ducentem ab alto mari usque ad Regiam stratam versus southweast, et similem venelam versus northeast, Regiam stratam versus northwest, ac altum mare versus southeast : habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Willelmo Burden, heredibus et assignatis suis, a festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste ultimo preterito ante datum presencium, de anno in annum uno post alium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxxix. annorum ex tunc proximorum sequencium et plenarie complendorum : faciend' inde servicium domine nostre regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem portus Dovor predictæ cum acciderit ; ac eciam reddend' et sollvend' inde annuatim Majori ac Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in festo Asumpcionis beate Marie Virginis decem solidos pro annuali redditu : et si contingat predictum annualem redditum de *xs^s/d.* ad festum vell terminum predictum quo sollvi debeat aretro fore insolutum in parte vell in toto ultra terminum predictum per spacium xv. dierum, si legitime petatum, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus ville predictæ qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in predictam vacuum placeam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, ad

CXXIII.

30 August 1562.

THIS indenture witnesseth that William Hannyngton, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover in the county of Kent, Thomas Painter, John Hobday, Robert Nikam, and Christopher Eliott, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty, have delivered, granted, and demised at fee ferm to William Burden, of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, Jurat, a vacant plot of land with all its appurtenances, containing in length two hundred and twenty-one feet of land, and in breadth as far as the high sea, lying and being within the Liberty of the town of Dover aforesaid, between a certain lane leading from the high sea to the King's highway to the south-west, and a similar lane to the north-east, the King's highway to the north-west, and the high sea to the south-east: to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of vacant land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid William Burden, his heirs and assigns, from the feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist last past before the date of these presents, from year to year, one after another, until the end and term of the ninety-nine years next following and fully completed: he performing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors according to the custom of the port of Dover aforesaid when it shall befall: and furthermore giving and paying therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town, for the time being, at the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, xs. for an annual rent: and if it shall chance that the aforesaid annual rent of xs. be in arrear, in part or in whole, at the feast or term aforesaid on which it should be paid, unpaid for the space of fifteen days beyond the aforesaid term, although legally demanded, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid, for the time being, to re-enter, re-have, and peacefully enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid plot of vacant land, with

quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare, rehabere ac pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictum Willelmum Burden et assignatos suos inde totaliter expellere et amovere, * hec presens indentura non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune quam sigillum predicti Willelmi Burden alternatim sunt appensa.

Datum xxx^o die Augusti anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris et, quarto, anno 1562.

Per me, Wyllyam Burden.

In dorso : Presentibus in tempore sigillacionis ac deliberacionis presentium—William Hanyngton, Mayor ; Thomas Paynter, John Hobday, Robert Nykam, Cristofer Elyott, Custodes ; Thomas Dawkes, common clerk ; and others.

all its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it may have come, and to totally expel and remove therefrom the afore-William Burden and his assigns, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the common seal as the seal of the aforesaid William Burden are alternately affixed.

Dated the thirtieth day of August in the fourth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc., in the year 1562.

By me, William Burden.

On the back : Present at the time of sealing and delivering of the presents — William Hannington, Mayor ; Thomas Painter, John Hobday, Robert Nykam, Christopher Eliott, Chamberlains ; Thomas Dawkes, common clerk ; and others.

CXXIV.

xxviii Decembris, 5 Eliz.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me, Willelmum Edwardes, de parochia Sancti Johannis Baptiste, in Insula Thenete, in comitatu Kancie, yoman, teneri et firmiter obligari Thome Aflete, de parochia predicta, yoman, in quadraginta libris legalis monete Anglie, solvend' eidem Thome Aflete, executoribus vel assignatis suis, ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me, heredes, et executores meos per presentes, sigillo meo sigillato.

Datum vicesimo octavo die Decembris anno regni Domine Elizabethe, dei gracia Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie Regine, atque fidei defensoris, etc., quinto.

Per me, William Edwardes.

Testibus	{	Henrico Pettyt,
		Alexandro Underwood,
		Willelmo . . .

CXXIV.

28 December 1562.

Know all men by these presents that I, William Edwardes, of the parish of S. John the Baptist, in the Isle of Thanet, in the county of Kent, yeoman, am held and firmly bound to Thomas Aflete, of the parish aforesaid, yeoman, for £40 of legal money of England, to be paid to the said Thomas Aflete, his executors or assigns, for the good and faithful payment of which I bind myself, my heirs, and executors, by the presents, my seal having been sealed.

Given on the twenty-eighth day of December in the fifth year of the reign, etc.

By me, William Edwardes.

Witness { Henry Pettit,
Alexander Underwood,
William . . .

In dorso :

The condycon of thys obligacon is suche that yf the within-bounden William Edwardes, hys executors, or assignes, do welle and trewly hold, observe, fulfille, and kepe alle singular covenantes, grauntes, and agrements mensioned, declared, and conteyned in one indenture, bering date the day and yere of the date of the within-written obligacon, bytwene the said William Edwardes on the one part, and the within-named Thomas Aflete on the other part, thereof made, whyche covenants, graunts, and agrements on the behalf of the seid William Edwardes be to be holden, performe, fulfill, and kepe as by the inspecon of the seid indenture more at large it dothe appere, That then this present obligacon to be voyd and of none effect, or ellse to stand in all fulle power, force, and vertue.

CXXV.

xvj die Aprilis, 5 Eliz.

i.

NOVERINT universi per presentes nos, Robertum Hedley, de villa et portu Dovor, in comitatu Kancie, shipwright, et * Katharina, uxor ejus, filia et heres Willelmi Spurnestone, nuper de Dovor predicta, defuncti, pro certa pecunie summa nobis per Johannem Lucas, de villa et portu predictis, shipwright, bene et fideliter pre manibus soluta, ac aliis diversis consideracionibus nobis specialiter moventibus, remisisse, relaxasse, et omnino de nobis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quietum clamasse prefato Johanni Lucas, in ejus plena possessione existente heredum et assignatorum, ad usum ejusdem Johannis Lucas, heredum et assignatorum suorum, imperpetuum totum inde nostrum titulum clameum, interesse, et demandum que habemus habuimus seu quovis modo in futurum habere poterimus, de et in * totum illud novum gardinum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, scituatum, jacentem, et existentem infra libertatem, ville, et portus predicti in Georges Warde, videlicet, inter communem viam versus northwest, le cliff versus southeast, terram domine nostre regine, nuper pertinentem ad domum dei Dovor predicte, vocatam le maison dieu, modo in occupatione Thome Cockerell, versus southwest et northeast: Ita videlicet quod nec nos, predictus Robertus Hedley et Katherina, uxor ejus, nec heredes nostri, nec aliquis alius per nos pro nobis seu nomine nostro, aliquod jus titulum, clameum, interesse, vel demandum in prefato gardino cum suis pertinenciis, nec in aliqua inde parcella, de cetero clamare, demandare, vel vendicare poterimus, nec debemus quovis modo in futurum, sed ab omni accione juris tituli, et clamei, demandi, et interesse in eisdem penitus sumus exclusi, et per presentes imperpetuum expulsi.

In cujus rei testimonium nos, predictus Robertus Hedley

CXXV.

16 April 1563.

i.

KNOW all men by the presents that we, Robert Hedley, of the town and port of Dover, in the county of Kent, shipwright, and Katherine, his wife, daughter and heir of William Spurnestone, lately of Dover aforesaid, deceased, for a certain sum of money well and lawfully paid into our hands by John Lucas, of the town and port aforesaid, shipwright, and for other divers considerations specially moving us, have remitted, released, and have entirely from us, for us, and our heirs, quit-claimed to the aforesaid John Lucas, being in the full possession of him, his heirs, and assigns, for the use of the said John Lucas, his heirs, and assigns for ever, all our title, claim, interest, and demand therein, which we have had or in any way might be able to have, of and in the whole of that new garden, with all its appurtenances, situated, lying, and being within the Liberty of the town and port aforesaid, in Georges Ward, to wit, between the common lane to the north-west, the cliff to the south-east, the land of our Lady the Queen, lately belonging to the *Domus Dei* of Dover aforesaid, called the Maison Dieu, and now in the occupation of Thomas Cockerell, to the south-west and north-east: So that, to wit, neither we, the aforesaid Robert Hedley and Katharine, his wife, nor our heirs, nor anyone else for us, or in our name, shall either be able or ought in any way, in the future henceforward, to claim, demand, or challenge any right, title, claim, interest, or demand in the aforesaid garden, with its appurtenances, nor in any parcel of the same, but that we are entirely excluded from all action of right, title, and claim, interest, and demand to the same, and by the presents are for ever shut out.

In witness whereof we, the aforesaid Robert Hedley and

et Katherina, uxor ejus, huic presenti scripto nostro sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data apud Dovor xvi. die Aprilis anno regni Domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., quinto. Anno 1563.

In dorso: Presentes in tempore sigillationis et deliberationis presentium: John Hawkins (?); John Dawes, Toune Sergeant; William Knyght, Toune Clarke.

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ii.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod nos, Robertus Hedley, de villa et portu Dovor, in comitatu Kancie, shipwright, et Katherina, uxor ejus, filia et heres Willelmi Spurnestone, nuper de Dovor predicta, defuncti, pro certa pecunie summa nobis per Johannem Lucas, de villa et portu predictis, shipwright, bene et fideliter pre manibus soluta, ac aliis diversis consideracionibus *nobis specialiter moventibus, dedimus, concessimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus prefato Johanni Lucas, heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum, totum illud novum gardinum cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis, scituum jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus predictorum in Georges Warde, videlicet, inter communem viam versus northwest, le cliffe versus southeast, terram domine nostre regine, nuper pertinentem ad domum dei Dover predictae, vocatam le Maison Dieu, modo in occupatione Thome Cockerell, versus southwest et northeast: quod quidem gardinum cum pertinenciis predicta Katherina, nuper habuit ut heres predicti Willelmi Spurnestone, patris sui: Habend' et tenend' predictum gardinum cum pertinenciis prefato Johanni Lucas, heredibus et assignatis suis, ad usum ejusdem Johannis, heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum: faciend' inde servitium domine nostre regine et successoribus suis

Katherine, his wife, have affixed our seals to this our present deed.

Given at Dover on the sixteenth day of April in the fifth year of the reign of our Lady Queen Elizabeth, etc. In the year 1563.

16 April 1563.

ii.

[This deed is so similar to the previous one that no translation is necessary.]

secundum consuetudinem ville et portus predictorum cum acciderit. Et nos, vero predictus Robertus Hedley et Katherina, uxor ejus, et heredes nostri predictum gardinum cum pertinentiis prefato Johanni Lucas, heredibus et assignatis suis, ad usum supradictorum contra omnes gentes warantizabimus et per presentes imperpetuum defendemus.

In cujus rei testimonium nos, predictus Robertus Hedley et Katherina, uxor ejus, huic presenti scripto nostro sigilla nostra apposuimus.

Data apud Dovor decimo sexto die Aprilis anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensor, etc., quinto. Anno 1563.

In dorso : Presentes in tempore sigillationis et deliberationis presencium : John Hawkins (?) ; John Darwes, Towne Sargaunt ; William Knyght, Towne Clarke.

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xvj Aprilis, 5 Eliz.

iii.

HEC est finalis concordia facta in Curia domine nostre Elizabete, apud villam et portum Dovor tenta xvj die mensis Aprilis, anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei * defensor, etc., quinto, coram Johanne Robins, Majore ville et portus Dovor, Thoma Warren, Richardo Jebbes, Thoma Burnell, et Alexandro Mynge, Juratis, et aliis domine nostre Regine fidelibus tunc ibidem presentibus, inter Johannem Lucas, querentem, et Robertum Hedley et Katherinam, uxorem ejus, deforciantes, de et super uno gardino cum suis pertinentiis, scituato jacente et existente infra Libertatem ville et portus predicti, in Georges Ward, inter communem viam versus northwest, le cliff versus southeast, terram domine nostre Regine, nuper pertinentem ad domum dei, Dovor predictae, vocatum le Maison Dieu, modo in occupatione Thome Cockerell, versus southwest et northeast : unde

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iii.

THIS is the final agreement made in the Court of our Lady the Queen Elizabeth, held at the town and port of Dover on the sixteenth day of April in the fifth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, etc. Before John Robins, Mayor of the town and port of Dover; Thomas Warren, Richard Jebbes, Thomas Burnell, and Alexander Minge, Jurats; and other of our Lady the Queen's lieges there present; between John Lucas, complainant, and Robert Hedley and Katharine, his wife, deforciants, of and over a garden with its appurtenances, situated, lying, and being within the Liberty of the town and port aforesaid in Georges Ward, between the Common Lane to the north-west, the cliff to the south-east, the land of our Lady the Queen, lately belonging to the *Domus Dei*, of Dover, called the Maison Dieu, and now in the occupation of Thomas Cockerell, to the south-west and north-east, concerning

placitum convencionis summonitum fuit inter eos in eadem Curia. Scilicet, quod predicti Robertus Hedley et Katherina, uxor ejus, summoniti, venerunt, et recognoverunt gardinum predictum cum suis pertinenciis esse jus ipsius Johannis Lucas, ut illa que idem Johannes habet ex dono predictorum Roberti et Katherine, ac illi remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt de ipsis Roberto et Katherine, et heredibus suorum, ac heredibus alterius eorum, predicto Johanni Lucas, et heredibus ipsius Johannis imperpetuum. Et preterea iidem Robertus Hedley et Katherina concesserunt pro se et heredibus suis, ac heredibus alterius eorum, quod ipsi warrantizabunt predicto Johanni Lucas et heredibus suis predictum gardinum cum pertinenciis contra predictum Robertum et Katherinam, et heredes suos, ac heredes alterius eorum imperpetuum per presentes.

Hec enim finalis concordia recordata in Aula Dovor in libro vocato V., folio lxiiij.

which a plea for breach of covenant was summoned between them in the said Court. To wit, that the aforesaid Robert Hedley and Katharine, his wife, being called, came, and recognised that the aforesaid garden with its appurtenances was the right of the said John Lucas, as that which he had of the gift of the aforesaid Robert and Katharine, and they remitted and quit-claimed it for themselves, the said Robert and Katharine, and their heirs, or the heirs of either of them, to the aforesaid John Lucas, and the heirs of the said John himself for ever; and, furthermore, the said Robert Hedley and Katharine granted for themselves and their heirs, and for the heirs of either of them, that they will warrant the aforesaid garden with its appurtenances to the aforesaid John Lucas and his heirs against the aforesaid Robert and Katharine, and their heirs, and the heirs of either of them, for ever by the presents.

And this final agreement was recorded in the Hall of Dover in a book called V., on page 64.

CXXVI.

March 9, 1564.

BE it known unto all men by these presentes that I, John Henshaw, of Westminster, nere London, presentely capitaine of one of the Quenes Majesties shippes cauled the Phenix, have made, constituted, deputed, and in my place sett and ordained my welbeloved in Christ, John Thomas, citizen of the citie of London, draper, my trewe, lawfull, and indubitate attorney, to aske, require, levy, recover, and receve for me, and in my name, and to my use, of Heughe Lott, of the towne of Hastinge, in the County of Sussex, the some of three poundes syx shillinges and eight pence lawfull money of England, which he to me oweth and from me wrongfully deteyneth. Giving and graunting to my said attorney my full power, authoritie, in the premisses to plaint, arrest, sue, declare, impleade, imprison, cause to be condemned, and release the said Hughe Lott, recover and receive, and thereupon finally accorde and acquite acquitances and other dyschardges for me and in my name, to compounde, seale, and deliver, attorney or attorneis, one or two under him to ordaine, sett, and substitute, and them againe at his pleasure to revoke and other in there places to put, and moreover to do, execute, performe, conclude, and finishe all and similar suche thing and thinges which shalbe expedient and necessary concerning the premisses, as thoroughly, holy, and surely as I myself should do if I were there in my owne person present, and all y' ever my said attorney shall happen to do or cause to be don in, for, and about the same I promyse to allowe, ratifye, and establishe, and thereto I bind me, my executors, and assignes, by these presents.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my seale and hand; and because the seale and hand of the abovesaid John Henshawe to all men is not knowen, we, therefore, Thomas Pepper, Maior of the toun and port of Dovor, in

ye County of Kent, and ye Jurattes of the same, at ye speciall instance and request of the said John Henshawe, the seale of office of Mayoraltye of the said toune to these presents we have caused to be putt, the ix day of March in the syxt yere of the rayn of our Soverayn Lady Quene Elizabete. Anno 1563 [1564.]

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CXXVII.

xxvj Maii, 6 Eliz.

NOVERINT universi per presentes nos, Thomam Gooreley, et Johannem Spritwelle, de Villa et Portu Dover, in Comitatu Kancie, yomen, teneri et firmiter obligari Johanni Warde de eadem villa in decem libris bone et legalis monete Anglie, solvend' eidem Johanni Warde, aut suo certo attornato, heredibus, executoribus, vel assignatis, suis, ad quam quidem solucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligamus nos et utrumque nostrum per se et pro toto et in solidis heredes, executores, et assignatos nostros, firmiter per presentes, sigillis nostris sigillatis.

Datum xxvj die Maii anno regni domine nostre Elizabeth, dei gracia Anglie, ffrauncie, et Hibernie regine, fidei defensoris, etc., sexto. Anno 1564.

CXXVII.

26 May 1564.

KNOW all men by the presents that we, Thomas Gooreley, and John Spritwell, of the Town and Port of Dover, in the County of Kent, yeomen, are held and firmly bound to John Warde, of the same town, for £10 of good and lawful money of England, to be paid to the said John Warde or to his certain attorney, his heirs, executors, or assigns, for the good and faithful payment whereof we firmly bind ourselves, or one of us by himself, for the whole, and in cash, our heirs, executors, and assigns, by the presents, our seals having been sealed.

Given on the twenty-sixth day of May in the sixth year of the reign, etc.

In dorso.

The condicon of this obligacon is such that whereas the within bound Thomas Gooreley, and John Spritwell, dyd lately arest xxix. sheepe of the goods of Thomas Colley, and being now praised at the some of £5 lawful mony of England, and delivered by the within named John Warde to the said Thomas Gooreley, and John Spryttwell. If the said Thomas Gooreley, and John Spritwell, do save and kepe harmless the said John Warde, his executors and assigns, against all manner of persons, of and for the deliverance of the said xxix. sheepe, so that the said John Warde, his executors and assigns, do not thereby incurre or ronne in any losse, hindrance, or damage.

CXXVIII.

vj Septembris, 6 Eliz.

HEC indentura testatur quod Thomas Pepper, Major Ville et Portus Dovor, Johannes Sweting, Willelmus Ryve, Richard Haward, et Willelmus Unthanke, Custodes dicte ville, unanime assensu et consensu pro et in nomine totius Communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt, concesserunt, et ad *feodam firmam dimiserunt Christofero Eliott, de villa et portu predicto, botcher, unam peciam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, jacentem et existentem infra libertatem ville et portus Dovor predictæ in Morens Warde, inter terram domine regine, vocatam A Myllhouse, modo in occupatione Jacobi Smithe, versus northwest; et tenementum ex una parte comunis rivuli, vocati le allmeshouse, et tenementum ex altera parte rivuli, vocati le allmeshouse, versus southeast; et regiam stratam versus northeast; et regiam stratam, vocatam le ffishshemerkett, versus southwest; qua quidem pecia terre continet in longitudine ad partem juxta le ffishshemerkett viginti septem pedes, et ad partem alteram juxta regiam stratam triginta et unam pedes, et in latitudine ad partem juxta le allmeshouse triginta pedes, et ad alteram partem juxta le millhouse triginta quinque pedes: habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Christofero Eliot heredibus et assignatis suis, et ad usum ipsius Christoferi Eliot heredum et assignatorum suorum, pro termino xxj. annorum, et ulterius de xxj. annorum in xxj. annorum tunc proximorum sequentium usque in finem termini lxxxix. annorum proximorum sequentium post datum presentium plenarie complend': faciend' inde servitium domine nostre regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem ville predictæ cum acciderit: et reddend' inde annuatim Majori dicte ville qui pro tempore fuerit et custodibus ejusdem in Festo Assumpcionis Beate Marie Virginis vs. legalis monete Anglie: et si contingat

CXXVIII.

6 September 1564.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Pepper, Mayor of the Town and Port of Dover, John Sweting, William Ryve, Richard Haward, and William Unthanke, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent for and in the name of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee farm demised to Christopher Eliott, of the town and port aforesaid, butcher, a plot of land, with it appurtenances, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, in Morens Ward, between the land of our Lady the Queen, called a Mill House, now in the occupation of James Smythe, to the north-west; and a tenement on one side of the common river, called the Alms House, and a tenement on the other side of the river, called the Alms House, to the south-east; and the King's highway to the north-east; and the King's highway called the Fishmarket, to the south-west; which plot of land contains in length on the side next the Fishmarket, twenty-seven feet, and on the other side next the King's highway, thirty-one feet, and in breadth on the side next the Alms House, thirty feet, and on the other side next the Mill House, thirty-five feet: to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Christopher Eliot, his heirs and assigns, and to the use of the said Christopher Eliot, his heirs and assigns, for a term of twenty-one years, and furthermore from twenty-one years to twenty-one years next following unto the end of a term of the ninety-nine years next ensuing and fully completed after the date of these presents: he doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen and her successors according to the custom of the said town when it shall befall: and paying therefore annually to the Mayor of the said town for the time being, and to the Chamberlains of the same, at the Feast of the Assumption of

dictum annualem redditum de vs. a retro fore ultra terminum predictum per xiiij. dies insolutum, in parte vel in toto, tunc licitum erit Majori et Custodibus qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in predictam peciam terre cum pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare et pacifice possidere sibi et successoribus suis Majori et Custodibus ejusdem ville imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum comune ville predictæ, quam sigillum predicti xroferi Eliot his indenturis alternatim sunt apensa.

Datum apud Dovor predictam vj. die mensis Septembris anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gracia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., sexto. Anno 1564.

In dorso: The lesse of Christoffer Elyott, modo Mr Tooke perquisit de . . .

the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5s. of lawful English money : and if it chance that the aforesaid annual rent of 5s. be in arrear beyond the aforesaid term of fourteen days unpaid, in part or in whole, then it shall be lawful for the Mayor and Chamberlains for the time being, to re-enter and peacefully possess the aforesaid plot of land with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hands it shall have come, for themselves and their successors, the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town, for ever.

In witness whereof as well the common seal of the town aforesaid, as the seal of the aforesaid Christopher Eliot, are alternately set to these indentures.

Dated at Dover aforesaid on the sixth day of September in the sixth year of the reign of Elizabeth, etc., in the year 1564.

On the back : The lease of Christopher Eliott, now Mr Tooke obtained from . . .

CXXIX.

ix Octobris, 6 Eliz.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me, Willelmum Calle, de parochia de Westcliffe, in Comitatu Kancie, yoman, teneri et firmiter obligari Edwardo Exling, de Villa et Portu Dovor, in comitatu predicto, shipwright, in triginta libris bone et legalis monete Anglie, solvend' eidem Edwardo aut suo certo attornato, heredibus, executoribus, vel assignatis suis, ad quam quidemolucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me heredes, executores et assignatos meos firmiter per presentes, sigillo meo sigillato.

Datum ix. die Octobris anno regni domine nostre Elizabete, dei gratia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., sexto. Anno 1564.

Sigillatum signatum et deliberatum in presentia Willelmi Burden, Majoris Dover; Willelmi Knyght, recordatoris, Dovor.

CXXIX.

9 October 1564.

Know all men by the presents that I, William Calle, of the parish of Westcliff, in the County of Kent, yeoman, am held and firmly bound to Edward Exling, of the Town and Port of Dover, in the county aforesaid, shipwright, for £30 of good and lawful English money to be paid to the said Edward or his certain attorney, his heirs, executors, or assigns: for the true and faithful payment of which I firmly bind myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns by these presents, my seal being set hereunto.

Dated the ninth day of October in the sixth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, etc., in the year 1564.

Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of William Burden, Mayor of Dover; William Knight, Recorder of Dover.

In dorso.

The condicon of this obligacon is such that if the within named William Calle do well and trewly observe, fullfill, and kepe all and all manner of awardements, arbitrements, agrements, judegements, the which shalbe awarded, arbitrated, adjudged, and agreed uppon by Thomas Androwe, John Garret, Rowland Mycle, and Roger Grice, arbitrators indifferently elected and chosen betwene y^e said William Call and y^e wⁱⁿ named Edward Exling, of and for and upon all, and all manner of, accons, quarrelles, demandes, and stryffes, depending betwene y^e said William Call and Edward Exling, y^e which on ye behalf of ye said William Call doe and be observed, performed, and kept, and be arbitrated, awarded, and agreed upon, on thissyde and before ye laste day of October now next coming after ye date within written, that then this p[rese]nte obligacon to be void and of none affect, or ells to stand and remaine in his full power, strenghe, effect, and vertue.

CXXX.

iiij Septembris, 7 Eliz.

Hec indentura testatur quod Willelmus Burden, Major ville et portus Dovor, et Jurati ibidem, unanimo assensu et concensu pro et in nomine totius communitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt, concesserunt, et ad feodi firmam dimiserunt Thome Wattson, de villa et portu predictis, Jurato, unam peciam terre, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, jacentem et existentem infra Libertatem, ville, et portus predicti in Halvenden Warde, in vico vocato brodstrete, inter tenementum Willelmi Calle versus northeast, communem venelam versus southeast, tenementum heredum Adriani White versus southwest, et predictum vicum vocatum brodstrete versus northwest: Habend' et tenend' predictam peciam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Tome Wattson, heredibus et assignatis suis, et ad usum ipsius Thome Wattson, heredum et assignatorum suorum, pro termino xxj. annorum, et ulterius de xxj. annorum in xxj. annorum tunc proximorum sequentium, usque in finem termini lxxxix. annorum proximorum sequentium post datum presentium plenarie complend': faciend' inde servitium domine nostre regine et successoribus suis secundum consuetudinem ville predictae cum acciderit: Et reddend' inde annuatim Majori et Juratis dicte ville qui pro tempore fuerint in festo Assumpcionis Beate Marie Virginis ijs. vjd. legalis monete Anglie: Et si contingat dictum annualem redditum de ijs. vjd. a retro fore ultra terminum predictum per xiiij. dies insolutum in parte vel in toto, tunc licitum erit Majori qui tunc pro tempore fuerit in predictam peciam terre cum pertinenciis, ad quorumcumque manus evenerit, reintrare, et pacifice possidere Sibi successoribus suis Majoribus dicte ville imperpetuum.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum comune dicte ville quam sigillum predicti Thome Wattson his indenturis alternatim sunt appensa.

Datum apud Dovor predictam quarto die Septembris anno regni domine nostre Elizabete dei gratia Anglie, ffrancie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., septimo. Anno 1565.

CXXX.

4 September 1565.

THIS indenture witnesseth that William Burden, Mayor of the town and port of Dover, and the Jurats there, with the unanimous assent and consent for and in the name of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, granted, and at fee farm demised to Thomas Wattson, of the town and port aforesaid, Jurat, a plot of land, with all its appurtenances, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port aforesaid in Halvenden Ward, in the road called Broad Street, between the tenement of William Calle to the north-east, the Common Lane to the south-east, the tenement of the heirs of Adrian White to the south-west, and the aforesaid road called Broad Street to the north-west : to have and to hold the aforesaid plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Thomas Wattson, his heirs and assigns, to the use of the said Thomas Wattson, and his heirs and assigns, for the term of twenty-one years, and, furthermore, from twenty-one years to the twenty-one years next following, to the end of a term of the ninety-nine years next ensuing and fully complete after the date of the presents : he doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen, according to the custom of the town aforesaid, when it shall befall : and paying therefor annually to the Mayor and Jurats of the said town, for the time being, at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2s. 6d. lawful English money : and if it chance that the said annual rent of 2s. 6d. be in arrear beyond the term aforesaid for fourteen days unpaid, in part or in all, then it shall be lawful to the Mayor for the time being to re-enter and peacefully possess for ever for himself and his successors, the Mayors of the said town, the aforesaid plot of ground, with its appurtenances, into whomsoever's hand it shall have come.

In witness whereof as well the Common Seal of the said town, as the seal of the aforesaid Thomas Wattson, are alternately set to these indentures.

Dated at Dover aforesaid on the fourth day of September in the seventh year of Elizabeth, etc., in the year 1565.

CXXXI.

xvij Aprilis, 8 Eliz.

NOVERINT universi per presentes me, Robertum Care, de villa de Kyngestone super Hulle, in Yokessir, mercator, teneri et firmiter obligari Nicolao Mychelson, de villa de Claye, in Comitatu Northfoke, marinario, in centum marcis bone et legalis monete Anglie solvend' eidem Nicolao Mychelson, aut suo certo attornato, heredibus, executoribus, vel assignatis suis, ad quam quidemolucionem bene et fideliter faciend' obligo me heredes, executores, et assignatos meos firmiter per presentes, sigillo meo sigillato.

Datum xvij die Aprillis anno regni domine nostre Elizabethe, dei gracia Anglie, Francie, et Hibernie Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., octavo. Anno 1566.

CXXXI.

17 April 1566.

KNOW all men by these presents that I, Robert Care, of the town of Kingston on Hull, in Yorkshire, merchant, am held and firmly bound to Nicholas Michelson, of the town of Claye, in the County of Norfolk, mariner, for a hundred marcs of good and lawful money of England to be paid to the said Nicholas Michelson, or his certain attorney, his heirs or assigns: for the good and faithful payment of which I bind myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns, by the presents, my seal being set hereto.

Dated xvij day of April in the eighth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, etc. In the year 1566.

In dorso :

The condicyon of this obligacyon is suche that if the withe in bownd Robert Care, his heires, executors, or assigns, or any of them, do welle and trully paye or cause to be contented and payed unto the within named Nycolas Mychelson, his heires, executors, or assignes, or to any of them, the sume of forty pounds of good and lawfwell money of England wythe in syxe dayes after the arywalle of the said Nycolas Mychelson unto the hawyn of Exmowe or the kaye of *Topesam with his shype, and that without any manner of frawde, gyle, or contradicsyon that then the present obligacyon to be voide and of non effect or ellys to stande and remayne in full force, power, strenght, effect, and vertue.

* A quay was built at Topsham as early as 1313 by Hugh Courtenay.

CXXXII.

15 June, anno 8 Eliz., 1566.

THIS indenture witnesseth that Thomas Pepper, Maio' of the towne and port of Dovor, Thomas Goorley, Thomas Robins, William Lovel, and Henry Russell, Chamberlaines of the said towne, wth the assent and consent, and for and in the name of y^e hole Comynaltie of y^e same towne, have demised, graunted, and to ferme letten to Thomas Challice, of the same towne and port, blacksmith, one parcell of a lane next adjoyning to the house of the said Thomas Challice, scituat, lying, and being wthin the Libertie of the towne and port of Dovor, in Bygen Warde, y^t is to saie, to the messuage of the said Thomas Challice to y^e north-west, y^e wall of the same towne next begin gate to ye south-east, ye other parte of ye same lane to the south-west, the highe strete cauled Began Strete to the north-easte, w^{ch} said parcell of lane conteyneth in bredth twelve fote, and in lenghe forty-eight fote ; so as that it shalbe lawfull for the said Thomas Challice, his heires, executors, and assigns, at all tymes to bild on the same parcell of lane, from the messuage of the said Thomas Challice to and upon the comon wall of the same towne, provide allwaie that the same Thomas Challice do leave a sufficient carte waie throughe the same lane allwaies open, and not to bild wthin seven fote over the same lane : To have and to hold ye said parcell of lane in manner and forme aforesaid to the said Thomas Challice, his heires, executors, and assigns, for the terme of twenty-one yeres, and further from twenty-one years to twenty-one yeres the next following untill the end and terme of ninety-nine yeres next after the date hereof be fully ended, yelding and paying therefore yereley to the Mayor and Chamberlaines of the same towne for the tyme being in the Feast of ye Assumption of o^r Lady eight pence lawfull mony of England due : if it shall happen the said yerely rent of eight pence to be behind and unpaid after ye terme aforesaid by ye space of fourteen daies in part or in all, being lawfully asked, y^t then

it shalbe lawfull for ye Mayor and Chamberlaines for the tyme being in ye said parcell of lane as before letten to re-enter and peaceably to possess as in the former estate.

In witness whereof as well the comon seale, as the seale of the said Thomas Challice, to these indentures interchangeably are sett.

Dated at Dover aforesaid the fifteenth daie of June in the eighth yere of the raigne of o^r Soveraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, Fraunce, and Ireland Queene, Defender of the Faith, etc. Ao 1566.

This indenture is in duplicate—a part of the Common Seal in red remains on one, the well-preserved red seal of Thomas Challice on the other.

CXXXIII.

xj Februarii, 10 Eliz.

Hec indentura testatur quod nos, Thomas Pepper, Maior ville et portus Dovor, in Comitatu Kancie, Robertus ffynnytt, Rowlandus Micle, Jacobus Steward, et Thomas Challice, Custodes dicte ville, una animi assensu et concensu totius Comunitatis ejusdem ville tradiderunt, concesserunt, et ad feodi firmam demiserunt predicto Rowlando Micle unam vacuum peciam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis, continentem xij fote square, jacentem et existentem infra Libertatem ville, et portus Dovor predicte, in quadam warda vocata Shingle Warde, inter communem venelam usque southweste, et terram predicti Rowlandi Micle usque northeaste et southeaste, et terram Thome Wattson usque northwest: Habend' et tenend' predictam vacuum peciam terre cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Rowlando Micle, heredibus et assignatis suis, a Festo Sancti Michelis Archangeli ultimo preterrito ante datum presentium, de anno in annum uno post alium usque ad finem et terminum lxxxxix annorum extunc proximorum sequentium et plenarie complend': faciend' inde servicium domine regine secundum consuetudinem portus Dovor predicte cum acciderit: ac eciam reddend' et solvend' inde annuatim Maiori et Custodibus dicte ville qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in Festo Assumptionis Beate Marie Virginis quatuor denarios bone et legalis monete Anglie pro annuali redditu: Et si contingat predictum annualem redditum de ivd. ad festum vel terminum quo solvi debeat a retro fore in parte vel in toto ultra terminum predictum per spacium xv dierum, legitime rogatum, tunc licitum erit Maiori et Custodibus ville predicte qui tunc pro tempore fuerint in predictam vacuum peciam terre cum omnibus pertinenciis, ad quascumque manus evenerit, reintrare, rehabere, et pacifice gaudere ut in statu suo pristino, ac predictum Rowlandum Micle, et assignatos suos, inde

CXXXIII.

11 February 1568.

THIS indenture witnesseth that we, Thomas Pepper, Mayor of the town and port of Dover, in the County of Kent, Robert ffynnytt, Rowland Micle, James Steward, and Thomas Challice, Chamberlains of the said town, with the unanimous assent and consent of the whole Commonalty of the said town, have delivered, and granted, and at fee farm demised to the aforesaid Rowland Micle a void plot of land, with all its appurtenances, containing xij square feet, lying and being within the Liberty of the town and port of Dover aforesaid, in a certain ward called Shingle Ward, between the Common Lane to the south-west, and the land of the aforesaid Rowland Micle to the north-east and south-east, and the land of Thomas Wattson to the north-west: to have and to hold the aforesaid void plot of land, with all its appurtenances, to the aforesaid Rowland Micle, his heirs and assigns, from the Feast of S. Michael the Archangel last past before the date of the presents, from year to year, one after the other, to the end and term of the ninety-nine years next following and fully completed: he doing therefor the service of our Lady the Queen, according to the custom of the port of Dover aforesaid, when it shall befall: and also giving and paying therefor annually to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the said town for the time being at the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary four pence good and lawful money of England for an annual rent: and if it chance that the aforesaid annual rent of iiij^d. be in arrear in part or in whole at the feast or term on which it should be paid for the space of xv days beyond the term aforesaid, although lawfully demanded, then it shall be lawful to the Mayor and Chamberlains of the town aforesaid for the time being to re-enter, repossess, and peacefully enjoy, as in its pristine estate, the aforesaid plot of void land, with all its appurtenances, and the aforesaid Rowland Micle and

totaliter expellere et amovere hac presenti indentura non obstante.

In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum commune ville predictæ quam sigillum predicti Rowlandi Micle alternatim sunt appensa.

Datum xi die Februarii anno regni domine nostre Elizabethæ, dei gracia Angliæ, Franciæ, et Hiberniæ Regine, fidei defensoris, etc., decimo. Anno 1567 [1568].

Red seal remains.

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his assigns, totally to expel and move therefrom, this present indenture notwithstanding.

In witness whereof as well the Common Seal of the town aforesaid, as the seal of the aforesaid Rowland Micle, are interchangeably set.

Dated the eleventh day of February in the tenth year of the reign of our Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God Queen of England, France, and Ireland, Defender, etc. In the year 1567.

CXXXIV.

28 August 1569.

THIS indenture made the twenty-eighth day of August in the eleventh yere of the raigne of oure Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, fraunce, and Ireland, Quene, Deffendor of the Faythe, etc., Betwene John Edwardes, Maior of the Towne and Porte of Dovor, Richard Haward, John Warde, John Luckas, and Jarmaine Doves, Chamberlaines of the said towne, of thone partie, and Thomas Edwardes, of the same towne and porte, searcher, of thother partie, witnesseth, That the said John Edwardes, Richard Haward, John Warde, John Luckas, and Jarmaine Doves, withe the assent and consent of the holle Comonaltie of the same, have demissed, grawnted and to ferme letten, and by these presents dothe demise, grawnt, and to ferme lett unto the said Thomas Edwardes, one pece of voyd ground, sett, laying, and beinge under the Townewall of Dovor aforesaid, betwene the Peniles bench and the Towre called the comon prison, contayninge in lenght a hondrete and tenne footte, be it more or lesse, and in breadth from the said Townewall downe to the lowe watter marke : to have and to holde that the saide pece of voyde with thapportenaunces to the said Thomas Edwardes, his heires, executers, and assignes, from the feaste of Sainte John Baptiste laste paste beffore the date hereof, unto thend and terme of fourescore and nineteen yeeres from thence next ensuinge and fully to be complett and ended : yeldinge and payeing therefore yerely dweringe the saide terme to the said Maior and Chamberlaines of the said towne and there successors for the tyme beinge, for the said pece of voyd ground, viij*l.* of good and lawfull monye of England, by the yere, and so consequently to paie the lyke some yerely at the said feaste dweringe the said terme of lxxxxix yeres : and if it shall happen the said yerely rent of viij*l.* to be behind and unpaid after the said feaste in which it ought to be paid by the space of xv daies, beinge lawfullye demaunded and asked, that then it shalbe lawfull for the said Maior and Chamberlaines and there successors for

the tyme beinge, unto the beffore letten grownd to re-enter, and the same and every parte thereof againe to have, injoy, and poces as in there former estate, this Indenture or any thing herein contayned to the contrarye notwithstandinge : And it is further grawnted by the said Maior and Chamberlaines, that the same Thomas Edwardes shall have the occupienye of the voyd grownde under the Penyles benche unto suche tyme as the said Maior and Chamberlaines, or their successors, ye Maiors or Chamberlaines, shall have neyd thereof for buyldinge or any other necessary cause.

And in wittnes hereof we have caused the comon seale of this towne, as also the seale of the said Thomas Edwardes, interchaungeable to be sett and subscribed by the saide Thomas, the daye and yere above wretten and in the yere of our Lord 1569.

C X X X V.

6 September 1569.

THIS indenture made the syxte daie of September in the eleavente yere of the raigne of o^r Sovereigne Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God of England, ffrance, and Ireland, Quene, Defendor of the Fayth, etc., Betwene John Edwardes, Maior of the Towne and Porte of Dovor, Richard Heward, John Warde, and John Luckas, and Jarmaine Doves, Chamberlaines of the saide towne, of thone partie; and Alexander Mynge, of the same towne and porte, Jurate, of thother partie, witnessethe, That the said John Edwardes, John Heward, John Warde, John Luckas, and Jarmaine Doves, with the assent and consent of thole Comunaltie of the same towne, have demysed, grawnted, and to ferme letten, and by these presents doeth demise, grawnte, and to ferme lett unto the said Alexander Mynge, all that the lane layeng and being abovewall in the ward there caulled Georges Ward, abuttinge to the house and voyde grownde of the said Alexander Mynge, late Thomas Yonges, to the sowthwest, the tenement and grownd of the heires of John Hulle, and the said Alexander Mynge to the northeast, the lande of Thomas Pepper to the north, the lande of the heires of Hewge Jacobe to the sowth, the Kinge highe streete to the sowtheast, a certaine lane leadinge to the gate caulled Abovewall to the sowthwest: to have and to holde the said lane with thapportenaunces, unto the said Alexander Mynge, his heires, executours, and assignes, ffrom the feast of St. John Baptist laste paste beffor the date hereof unto thend and terme of one and twentie yeres from thence next ensuinge and fullye to be complet and ended: yeldinge and paeing therefore yerely dweringe the said terme to the said Maior and Chamberlaines of the said towne and there successores for the tyme beinge for the said lane, foure pence of good and lawfull monye of England by the yere at the said feast of Saint John Baptist, and soe consequently to paie the lyke some yerely at the thesaide feast dweringe thesaid

terme of xxi yeres : and if it shall happen the said yerely rente of iiij*d*. to be behinde and unpaide after the said feast in which it oughte to be paide by the space of xv daies, beinge lawfullye demaunded and asked, that then it shalbe lawfull for the said Maior and Chamberlaines and there successors for the tyme beinge into the beffore letten lane to re-enter and the same and every parte thereof againe to have, injoy, and possess, as in there former estat, this indenture or any thinge herein conteyned to the contrarye notwithstandinge.

In wittnes hereof we have caused the comon seale of this towne as also the seale of the said Alexander Mynge, interchaungablie to be sett and subscribed by the said Alexander, the daie and yere above written and in the yere of our Lord 1569.

On the turnover : Teste me Alex. Mynge.

On the back : "Now the Pest house."

APPENDIX A.

I.

Circ. 4 et 5 John.

SCIANT presentes et futuri quod ego, Godvinus, capellanus, filius Radulfi Bissop, et ego, Warinus filius Willelmi Litcheod, dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus domino Gileberto Pecche et heredibus suis totum pratum quod est proximum prato ipsius Gileberti quod tenemus de domino de Herietsam in villa Dovorie tenendum de nobis et heredibus nostris jure hereditario in perpetuum; reddendo nobis singulis annis ad domum Warini in horsepole, xij*d.* ad festum Sancti Andree quos debemus domino de Herietsam, et sex denarios de foringabulo, scilicet michi Godvino, ix*d.*, et michi Warino ix denarios pro omni consuetudine et omni exactione que nobis possint contingere vel debeant: et per prescriptum servitium nos et heredes nostri warantizabimus prescripto Gileberto et heredibus suis prescriptum pratum contra omnes homines et omnes feminas: pro hac vero donacione et concessione et carte nostre confirmatione dedit nobis predictus Gilebertus xl *sol.* quos recepimus in hundredo Dovorie.

Hiis testibus: Simone, Decano; Willelmo Huntingfeld', tunc Constabulario, Dovorie; Willelmo de Curcam, ejusdem Senescallo; Willelmo de Huchera; Willelmo *Malesmeins; Hugone de Cranden; Adame Bacun; Radulfo de Minieres; Willelmo de Fokestan; Laurencio de Siberteswald; Willelmo de Enemera; Josep filio Wlf, tunc Preposito, Dovorie; Salomone filio Leffelini; Willelmo, clerico; Alexandro, filio Mathei Virgil; Josep filio Lamberti; Simone Munin; Apsalone et Manwin, filiis Golstan; Luca, filio Denice; Willelmo, filio Godwin; Josep, filio Thurstan; Willelmo Cubet; Herlewino, Magno; Johanne de Riveria; Radulfo de Biaumunt; Nicolao Janitore; Ricardo filio Manwini; Jacobo de Hache; Aluredo de Acolte; Thoma de Dene; Georgio, hujus carte scriptore.

Add. Ch. B. M. 7513.

[* *The Malesmeins held Waldwarshare as late as 1385, Add. Ch. B. M. 931.*]

I.

Between 16 September 1203 and 9 September 1204.

Know all present and future that I, Godwin the chaplain, son of Ralph Bissop, and I, Warine, the son of William Litcheod, have given, granted, and, by this our present charter, have confirmed to Sir Gilbert Pecche and his heirs, all the meadow nearest to the meadow of the said Gilbert, which we hold from the Lord of Herietsham in the town of Dover, to be held of us and our heirs in hereditary right for ever ; he paying to us each year at the house of Warine in Horsepole [Ward] the *xijd.* at the the feast of Saint Andrew, which we owe to the Lord of Herietsam, and six pence for alien service, to wit to me Godwin, *ixd.*, and to me, Warine, *ixd.*, for all custom and all claim which should or ought to pertain to us : and for the afore-written service we and our heirs will warrant to the afore-written Gilbert and his heirs, the aforesaid meadow against all men and all women : and for this our gift and grant, and the confirmation of this our charter, the aforesaid Gilbert gave us *xl* shillings which we received in the Hundred Court of Dover.

Witnesses : Simon, the Dean ; William Huntingfield, then Constable of Dover ; William de Curcam, Seneschal thereof ; William de Huchera ; William Malesmeins ; Hugh de Cranden ; Adam Bacun ; Ralph de Minieres ; William Folkestone ; Laurence de Sibertswold ; William de Enemera ; Joseph Fitz Wolf, then Prepositus of Dover ; Solomon Fitz Leffelin ; William, the clerk ; Alexander, son of Matthew Virgil ; Joseph, son of Lambert ; Simon Monin ; Absalom and Manwin, sons of Golstan ; Luke, son of Denis ; William, son of Godwin ; Joseph, son of Thurstan ; William Cubet ; Harlewin, the big ; John de River ; Ralph de Biaumunt ; Nicholas, the Janitor ; Richard, son of Manwin ; James de Hache ; Alured de Acolte ; Thomas de Dene ; George, writer of this charter.

II.

Sir John Bretoun, Rector of Borgherssche, grants to Roger Barrot a plot of land in Dover, lying between the possessions of Henry Governahrt, and the heirs of John of Guston.

Witnesses : John de Aula, Mayor ; William Wolf, Bailiff ; John Venson ; William Bagehte, Richard Archer ; William Virgil ; William Hurtyng ; William Giles ; Thomas Reade ; John Lamb ; Thomas Lonquer.

Dated, 21 December, 1323.

Add. Ch. B. M. 16,426.

III.

Henry de Haute and Anabilla, his wife, grant at fee ferm to John de Reche and Heilewisa, his wife, a plot of land in Dover in Halvendenes Ward. Names mentioned are John Borstalle and Thomas, his brother, Simon Danyel, and Roger Cok, deceased.

Witnesses : William Hurtyng, Mayor ; John Monyn, Bailiff ; John atte See ; William Virgile ; John de Aula ; John Salekyn ; William L'Archer ; William Giles ; Alexander Hurtyng ; John Josep ; Henry Lovekyn ; Stephen, the clerk.

Dated, Saturday after the feast of S. Andrew the Apostle, 1329.

Add. Ch. B. M. 16,427.

IV.

Brother Thomas, Prior of S. Martin's, Dover, and the Convent of the same place, grant to Peter de Londe, Porteur, and Letitia, his wife, land in Dover.

Witnesses : Nicholas atte Halle, Mayor of Dover ; Robert Cawston, Bailiff of Dover ; William Archer ; Thomas Monyn ; William de Denne ; Peter Rede ; Thomas Spisour ; John (? Sedener) ; Stephen, the clerk.

Dated, the Thursday next after the feast of S. Augustine, 1354.

Add. Ch. B. M. 16,430.

V.

A grant by brother Walter, Master of the *Domus Dei* of Dover.

Dated, Christmas Day, 3 Edw. III., 1329.

Add. Ch. B. M. 16,180.

VI.

A grant by Stephen Berynhinde, Edmund Haute, and John Haute of Plokele, to John Tannere and Juliana, his wife, of *xivd.* free rent.

Witnesses : John Strete, Mayor ; John atte Halle, Bailiff ; and others.

Dated, 13 January 1405.

Harl. Ch. B. M. 76, C. 18.

VII.

Thomas Geffray, butcher, of Dover, grants to Thomas ate Crouche, of Dover, a tenement in Mankyne Ward. Name mentioned, Giles Sacherell.

Witnesses : Thomas Gyles, Mayor ; Thomas Page, Bailiff ; Thomas Arnold ; Richard atte . . . ; Giles Hoton ; Thomas Sakton ; Thomas Grubbe ; Robert Glovare ; Richard Sedenore.

Dated, 13 August 1414.

Add. Ch. B. M. 16,435.

VIII.

Sir Thomas Herry, chaplain, John Jay, and Thomas Dover, grant to Thomas Crouche, Mayor of Dover, land in Dover.

Witnesses : Thomas Page, Bailiff of Dover ; William Elys, John Robyn, William Quyntyn, Jurats ; Giles Hoton ; Laurence Claryngbold ; Henry Holand ; Ralph Wadeluffe, the clerk ; and others ; to wit, Richard Kendale ; Walter Pope ; and John Spicer, skynner.

Dated, 16 May 1420.

Ad. Ch. B. M. 921.

IX.

Thomas Pety and Alice, his wife, grant to Robert Pette a messuage in Dover.

Witnesses : Thomas Grace ; Simon Williamson ; Thomas ffoche ; John Meller.

Dated, 10 October 1462.

Ad Ch. B. M. 16,436.

X.

A grant by Sir Humphrey Tutbury, Prior of S. Martin's, Dover, of a certain way, to M. Mitevon.

Dated, Michaelmas Day, 1468.

Ad. Ch. B. M. 16,437.

XI.

William Pette grants to John Byngham a messuage in Dover.

Witnesses : Thomas ffoche, Mayor of Dover ; Thomas Hexstall ; Richard Palmere ; Nicholas Lewys ; John Turvyll.

Dated, 6 August 1481.

Ad. Ch. B. M. 16,438.

XII.

A list of the tenements and rents of Anabyllle Haute. It is stated therein that William atte Halle and Anabyllle, his wife, had issue one son, John, who died without issue, and one daughter, Anabyllle, who married Henry Haute, and had issue.

Not dated, writing of fifteenth century.

Rot. Harl. B. M., Y. 8.

APPENDIX B.

I.

About 1270.

A GRANT by John de Burgo that Philip Basset, may, during his life, pay for the grantor 20*sh.* annually *ad wardam* of Dover Castle, due from the Manor of Beeston, which Philip holds from John de Burgo.

Witnesses : Sirs Paul Peyure, Richard Bausan, Roger de Wanton, Richard de Sannford, Stephen Bausan, Julian de Haya, and Thomas Batesford, clerk.

No date.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 3911, and compare A. 5577 and C. 2263 for similar grants connected with the ward of the Castle.

II.

20 July 1426.

A grant to * John Dalby, Rector of S. Nicholas Church, of a chamber in a certain messuage, situated in Snargate Ward, between the tenement, lately John Killey's, to the south, the Common Lane to the east, King Street to the north, and the land of Thomas Arnold to the west, recently acquired by Walter Stratton, Thomas Arnold, John Byngley, William Archier, William Sandircok, John atte Berwe, John Watstone, and John Sandircok, from John Braban, of Dover, and John Bakere, of Caldham ; which messuage the said Walter Stratton, etc., had granted to Giles Hoton, Thomas Grubbe, and Henry Powell, reserving to themselves the said chamber, with free ingress and egress thereto at all reasonable and lawful times. John Strete and his wife Johanna, both deceased, are also mentioned.

20 July, 4 Hen. VI.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 1353.

* He exchanged from Cudham in Jan. 1420.

III.

16 December 1434.

A power of attorney granted by John Braban, of Dover, and John Byngley to Thomas Frankeleyne, to enable him to deliver seisin to William Brewys and Johanna, his wife, of a plot of land, consisting of seven acres, called Gylys Coombe.

16 December, 13 Hen. VI.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 3911.

IV.

29 September 1450.

A lease granted by Walter Pope, John Hamond, and Robert Serlys, Wardens of the goods of the Church of S. Nicholas, Dover, to Thomas Wreight, of two acres of land at Maxton, in the same tenure, situated between the land of the Lord of Maxton to the south-west, the land of Richard Palmere to the north-west, and the land of the Prior and Convent of S. Martin, of the New Work, to the north-east, and King Street to south-east.

Michaelmas Day, 29 Hen. VI.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 2519.

V.

20 July 1465.

A grant of a close of land near Dover, called Ryggescroft, by John Hamond, of Dover, to Richard Palmere and Thomas Toky, which close was released to the said John Hamond by Thomas Kervere, and which, with other lands, together with Richard Sandes, late of Dover, esquire, William Claryngbold, late of Sibertswold, deceased, the aforesaid Thomas Kervere had of the feoffment of Robert Reypost, late of Dover, deceased.

Witnesses : Thomas Pety, Mayor ; Nicholas Burton,

Bailiff; Thomas Gore; Thomas Grace; Thomas Toky;
Thomas ffoche; William Mytere.

20 July, 5 Edw. IV.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 1271.

VI.

20 January 1477.

A grant by Thomas ffoche, of Dover, and Henry ffoche, of the parish of River, yeoman, of two acres of land in the tenure of Syberston in Hougham, situated between the land of Thomas Toky to the north-east, the land of William Alowe to the south-east, the land of the heirs of Alexander Etynden to the north-west, and the Common Drove to the south-west; which land was lately acquired from Alice Barowe, widow, of Dover, to William fforest, Edward fforest, Robert Colwell, Robert Sinythiot, John Vallance, *alias* Mason, and Robert Randolf, of Dover, for the use, profit, sustentation, and repair of the Church of S. Nicholas, in Dover.

Witnesses: Bartholomew Wylmyngton, Robert Vagge, Simon Tenderby, John Martyn, and William Hogge.

20 January, 16 Edw. IV.

Ancient Deeds, P.R.O., B. 1299.

APPENDIX C.

I.

12 November 1212.

KING JOHN confirms the grant of large donations of land by Nicholas, the son of Alan and * Roesia, his wife, to William Brewer.

Rot. Chart., 12 Nov., 14 John: ed. Hardy, fol. 189, and cf. 189 b.

* Roesia was the daughter of the Lord of Chilham, and married as her second husband Richard, the king's bastard son.

II.

15 September 1215.

King John confirms the grant of a messuage, situated in Dover, between the stream, the house of James the son of Thomas, and the Bridge of Pet^a, made by Robert de Turnham to Solomon the son of Letheline. Robert de Turnham received this messuage from Richard I.

Rot. Chart., 15 Sep., 17 John: ed. Hardy, fol. 218 b.

III.

The Patent Rolls of King John give the names of several Dover men, and it may prove interesting to give them.

Adam, of Dover, a shipowner, and probably Hugh at Hall in 1203. (*Rot. Pat. John*: ed. Hardy, fol. 32.) Gilbert, of Dover, was outlawed and pardoned for his participation in the misdeeds of Fulke Fitz Warine (*ib. f. 36*). Salem, the son of Salek (*ib. 112 b*), and Absalom, the son of Simon, were shipowners (*ib. 191*). William, the son of John; Wilekin, of London; Arnold, the butcher; Hamo; Godwin; and Lathful; all described as Dover men were in prison at Dorchester in 1213, and Monekinus de Dover was one of their mainpernors (*ib. 202*).

Solomon the Prepositus and Nicholas Harengod are mentioned in September 1215. (*Rot. Fin. Roll Ser.*, 566.) In *Rot. Pat.*, Henry III. (*Roll Ser.*), we find John Erlewin de Dover and Alexander de Dover as shipowners (*fol. 5 b*); Brito de Dover, who was living in the previous reign (*f. 170*); Cecilia de Dover (*f. 480*), Jordan Bal, Thomas le Nevou, Copinus, son of Absalom of Dover, Gervasius Parvus de Dover (*f. 515*), and Turgisius de Dover (*f. 587*). In the *Excerpta Rot. Fin.*, fol. 145, Salekin of Dover, Custos of the King's Mint at Canterbury, is reported as dead on the 4th August 1226.



EXPLICIT
LIBER CARTARUM
AD
VILLAM ET PORTUM
DOVORRE
NECNON AD EJUSDEM
MEMBRA
SPECTANTIUM





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